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DHS grants entry to Russian, Chinese tourists sans US visa

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REPORTER

Russian and Chinese tourists will still be allowed to enter the CNMI without a U.S. visa for up to 45 days even when the federal government takes over local immigration on Nov. 28.

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Using her "parole" powers, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano granted yesterday the CNMI's request to

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Full access to airport facilities sought for up to 53 officers

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Key officials of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection led by Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations Thomas S. Winkowski personally told Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, lawmakers, and other local officials yesterday that CBP is "fully ready" to secure CNMI borders by Nov. 28 as required by the

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36 DAYS before federalization

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Seven of the nine visiting officials of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection led by Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations Thomas S. Winkowski, center, pose for the media right after meeting with lawmakers on Capital Hill yesterday. From left, Guam port director Rocky Miner; David Morrell, executive director of the Office of Field Operations Mission Support; Cheryl Peters, program manager of the Office of Field Operations; Winkowski; Richard Vigna, director of Field Operations in San Francisco; Assistant Commissioner for Information Technology Charles Armstrong; and Bruce Murley, area port director in Honolulu, Hawaii.

H1N1 vaccines finally arrive

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SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

The Department of Public Health urged all pregnant women in the CNMI yesterday to take the H1N1 flu vaccine beginning Nov. 3, 2009.

This developed after DPH this week

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Senatorial bets split on NMI issues

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Eight senatorial contenders are split on several issues surrounding the Commonwealth—from the federal lawsuit, Article 12, and poker machines, to austerity measures and plans for the Retirement Fund. This much was clear during Wednesday night's three-hour forum sponsored by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Attended by 141 guests and spectators Wednesday, the audience included family members and party supporters of each candidate, as well as about 12 Northern Marianas College students.

Chamber president Jim Arenovski said the forum's objective was to provide its members and the public a venue where they could get to know more their candidates.

"We're happy to sponsor and host this important event because people will be

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The eight Saipan senatorial candidates try to outperform each other during a debate sponsored by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night in the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

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Tinian DPS ends search for Bell

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The Tinian Department of Public Safety ended yesterday its search and recovery operations with no sighting for 72-year-old swimmer Jim Bell.

Tinian DPS director Jose King told *Saipan Tribune* that after their boat completed the route they called off the operations at 6pm, a day after the U.S. Coast Guard call of its own search efforts.

"It's the last day today [Thursday]," King said.

Only one Tinian Boating Safety Unit boat participated in yesterday's operations.

On Wednesday afternoon, the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam suspended its search for the missing swimmer, pending further developments.

King said they have posted flyers of Bell all over the beaches on the island and at stores and other establishments.

Bell took off into the waters near Suicide Cliff on Tinian between 11am to 12pm on Saturday for a planned 3-mile swim from Puntan Carolinas off the southern end of Tinian. His goal was to swim around the corner of the island and emerge at Kammer Beach on the western side later that day at 4pm.

The next day, the Saipan Emergency Management Office notified U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam that Bell had not reached his planned destination of Kammer Beach.

Sector Guam coordinated aerial search efforts utilizing helicopters from U.S. Navy Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron–25. The helicopters completed seven separate searches covering an area over 170 square nautical miles. In addition, Saipan and Tinian Department of Public Safety coordinated numerous coastal searches using small boats and jet skis as well as land teams that searched the coast of Tinian and Aguijan.

On Wednesday, only Tinian authorities continued the operations, but changed it to search and recovery.

In October 2008, the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy, and Tinian DPS searched for Bell, who had been reported missing by friends while swimming from Saipan to Tinian. He was found 15 hours later, still swimming toward Tinian.

In July 1981, he marked his retirement from the Navy by swimming alone from Saipan to Tinian in a 12-hour effort.

The Coast Guard strongly recommends that open-ocean swimmers file a float plan, exercise extreme caution when swimming during high surf and use appropriate support crew, including an escort vessel. It is important to quickly notify the Coast Guard or 911 when there is any maritime emergency. The Coast Guard 24-hour emergency number is 671-564-USCG.

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'CUC clients won't benefit from class suit'

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Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Tony Muña disclosed yesterday that the class action suit filed against CUC over the utility rates will not in any way benefit CNMI customers.

If the other party prevails, he said, there's no other way to pay for the judgment but to adjust and increase utility rates, which will affect all customers.

"If they prevail, they will send us a bill for $8 million, which is not embedded in the rate. CUC cannot refund the amount because it is not calculated to make that payment. Our customers must be aware that CUC derives funding from the rate it charges to its customers," Muña said. "So where's the benefits for the customers?"

He said other customers who are outside the "questioned" grid would also bear the effect of the rate hike.

The class suit made as reference the recent Superior Court judgment where CUC was ordered to adjust the billing of Rep. Stanley Torres and Jack Angello for a period covering July 22 to Oct. 23, 2006. The court ruled that CUC should not have billed the two customers a new rate during the period.

When asked on the possibility of a rate hike, Muña said it would depend on the result of the lawsuit.

Since the case was filed, it had taken CUC's attention away from many other important issues that need to be resolved such as maintenance and operation of power plants, he said. This is besides the time, efforts, and money being spent in litigation.

However, Muña is hopeful of a positive outcome in the case.

"What we want to communicate with our customers is that they should not expect that this [lawsuit] is a form of relief for them…because it is not," he added.

'Necessary and reasonable'

On the Superior Court order, Muña said the court did not give an opinion on the reasonableness of the rate increase but merely stated that it should not have been in effect at that time.

In the period of July 22 to Oct. 23, 2006, Muña said the actual cost of fuel was $19.6 million and CUC only recovered about $3 million when it enforced the 3.5 percent surcharge. This means an underrecovery of $15.5 million for CUC.

"The rate hike was necessary and was reasonable," he said, adding that what CUC adjusted was the amount it felt it collected from the base charge at that time, which was 11 cents for residential and 16 cents for customers.

After the rate increase in 2006, Muña said CUC collected $18.6 million, just $1 million short of the $19.6 million prior to its implementation.

'CUC did not overcharge'

Because of the court ruling, Muña said, this led customers to conclude that the agency was charging them in excess of the customer's cost.

"Our mandate is to collect only for cost. What we incurred [in that period] was $19.6 million and we collected $18.6 million based on the new rates. So we did not overcollect or overcharge our customers," Muña explained, adding that without the new rate in 2006, CUC would have had a shortfall of $8.7 million.

With the revenue situation of the government, he said, there was no other option to take but the new rates.

On average, the central government pays CUC $7 million to $10 million a year. But in that period, the government provided CUC with an extra $22 million to help keep it running.

"What the government paid that time was over and above the average," he said.

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received 2,400 doses of H1N1 vaccine from the U.S. Department of Public Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Since the first batch of doses is not enough to immunize the entire CNMI population, priority is given to those most vulnerable to the H1N1 virus: pregnant women and health care professionals.

The World Health Organization last week reported that nearly 400,000 people worldwide have contracted laboratory-confirmed H1N1cases. More than 4,700 people have died from that flu virus since April when it was first identified in Mexico and the U.S. mainland.

The Commonwealth has had 71 laboratory-confirmed H1N1 cases. "Getting vaccinated is the single best way to protect against H1N1 flu virus and an important factor in minimizing the risk and severity of H1N1 infection," DPH said in a statement.

CNMI's Immunization Program Manager Mariana Coats said 56,000 doses of H1N1 flu vaccines are to be delivered in batches to the CNMI. By mid-December, DPH will have received the entire doses for all CNMI residents.

For now, Coats advised pregnant women to visit their respective doctors to avail of the H1N1 flu vaccine. Prenatal checkup "is a must before a vaccine is administered," she said.

Coats said they are distributing the vaccine to all DPH clinics: the Women's Clinic at the Commonwealth Health Center, Southern Community Wellness Center in San Antonio, Tinian Health Center, and Rota Health Center.

Vaccines will also become available at private clinics Pacific Medical Center, Dr. Norma Ada's Medical Associates of the Pacific, Mariana Medical Center, FHP and Dr. Larry Hocog's at the new CHC building.

Coats said the private clinics may charge up to $10 to cover administrative costs and supplies such as alcohol, prep pads, needle, Band-Aid or tape and container to dispose of the used needles. Patients may use Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance to pay for the $10 fee.

According to CDC, those allergic to eggs are not supposed to take the vaccine because it is grown in an egg culture. When visiting a physician, those wanting to get inoculated must tell whether they have a life-threatening allergic reaction after a dose of seasonal flu vaccine and whether they had Guillain Barré Syndrome. Those moderately or severely ill might be advised to get well before taking the vaccine.

The H1N1 vaccine could be administered either through shots (injection) or nasal spray. Like the seasonal flu vaccine, H1N1 immunization has side effects such as swelling on the site of the shot, fever and headache. Those taking the nasal spray may also experience sore throat, runny nose or nasal congestion.

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making critical decisions [in the election]. This is a great opportunity, especially for the business community, to get first-hand information from the candidates who will represent us in the future," he said.

Arenovoski said all eight guests presented their platforms and views on different issues well.

The chamber, however, does not plan to endorse any particular candidate as a result of the forum. Next week, the Chamber will host another forum, this time for the gubernatorial candidates.

In Wednesday's forum, each candidate fielded eight questions, with a 90-minute limit to speak besides the five-minute break given them to close their arguments.

The eight senatorial aspirants were Justo Quitugua, Paul Camacho, Ana Teregeyo, Jacinta Kaipat, Christina Sablan, Ralph Torres, Gregorio Cruz, and Pete Reyes.

Among the questions posed by forum moderator John Anderson was each candidate's stance on the lawsuit filed by the Fitial administration against the federal government over federalization.

Sablan strongly opposed the administration's move and described it as poor judgment and a waste of money. Reyes and Cruz echoed this stance, in opposition to Kaipat, Teregeyo, and Camacho, who believe that the move is the "right path" for the CNMI government.

Although they said they respect the merit of the argument of both parties, Quitugua and Torres called for more clarity on the issue.

Dissimilar views were also expressed on Article 12, with five of them— Cruz, Torres, Kaipat, Teregeyo, and Camacho—rejecting outright any attempt to abolish the law.

Only two candidates—Teregeyo and Kaipat—expressed support for austerity measures among government employee.

All six, however, have issues with what they described as "unfair" exemptions and pushed for the consolidation of agencies, revisiting the salary scale, and reduction of the government's size as alternatives.

NMC instructor and economist Sam McPhetres said the candidates came prepared and well-organized in their thoughts about issues.

McPhetres' students provided Chamber members with technical assistance during the event. The same students will help out during next week's forum for all governor candidates.

Like McPhetres, Dr. Daniel Lamar recognized the candidates' preparedness to answer questions but he said he's still looking for their plans on health care and education. The candidates' opinions about Article 12 and alternative energy were among those that he said resonated with him.

All guests interviewed by *Saipan Tribune* refused to name their "bets" saying they have yet to make their "final selection."

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federalization law.

"From an operational standpoint, we're ready," Winkowski told House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), Senate President Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) and other members of the 16th Legislature on Capital Hill yesterday morning.

In their "operational readiness visit," the federal team sought "full access" to the immigration facilities at the Saipan and Rota airports ahead of the Nov. 28 federalization to be able to install equipment and prepare for the takeover of border control.

Fitial gave CBP access to the facility, which the officials visited yesterday afternoon, said Winkowski.

Press secretary Charles Reyes confirmed that Fitial assured the federal officials that they would get the necessary access to the airports over the next several weeks to do their job.

"The federal officials agreed that they would make every effort not to interfere with the Commonwealth's enforcement of its immigration laws through Nov. 27," Reyes said in a statement.

Winkowski said the team has had "productive meetings" with local officials.

"This is an operational readiness visit. I want to be sure that come Nov. 28, we're going to be up and running and you can't do that by sitting in Washington, D.C. You have to come out here and look at the facility, have meetings that we have today with the Legislature, with the governor, and work through any type of issues," he told reporters.

Up to 53 CBP personnel

Winkowski said between 45 and 53 CBP personnel will be temporarily assigned to the CNMI, primarily at the Saipan International Airport, to screen some 400,000 passengers a year. Others will also be detailed at the Rota airport.

He said qualified CBP personnel from Guam and other U.S. states will be temporarily stationed until permanent hires are in place.

"I'm estimating it will take a year to eliminate temporary personnel," Winkowski told lawmakers.

Jerry Aevermann, the current assistant port director for CBP Guam, has been named CBP interim port director for the CNMI.

Winkowski said a working group, to be led by Aevermann, is being formed to ensure a smooth transition to federal immigration control.

Besides Winkowski and Aevermann, seven other CBP officials from Washington, D.C. and Guam are visiting the CNMI.

They include CBP Assistant Commissioner for Information Technology Charles Armstrong; David Morrell, executive director of the Office of Field Operations' Mission Support; Cheryl Peters, program manager of the Office of Field Operations; Richard Vigna, director of Field Operations in San Francisco; Bruce Murley, area port director in Honolulu, Hawaii; Rocky Miner, port director in Guam; and Fraim Leon Guerrero of CBP Guam.

The team visited Guam before coming to Saipan Wednesday night. The officials leave Saipan today.

Rep. Rosemond Santos (R-Saipan) and other lawmakers wanted assurance from the federal officials that the current CNMI immigration personnel will be absorbed by CBP.

Winkowski said consideration is being given, but said qualification requirements will still need to be followed. He added that CBP will issue other job announcements for needed positions.

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be allowed to continue receiving Chinese and Russian visitors—at least until DHS issues a final rule on the joint Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program.

Guam did not receive the same visa waiver for Chinese and Russian tourists.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP), Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, other local officials and businesses welcomed the "good news," saying months of dialogues and hard work "paid off."

Local officials and businesses say losing Russian and Chinese tourists, which account for 20 percent of tourism revenue, will be a big blow to the economy, which already lost its garment industry.

Rick Swigart, states and territories coordinator for the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intergovernmental Programs, said Napolitano will exercise her parole authority to admit nationals of the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China into the CNMI on a case by case basis.

He said parole, if granted, will be permitted for a period not to exceed 45 days and may be revoked or terminated.

"Parole will be authorized only for entry into the CNMI and will not extend to other areas of the United States. Visitors who are paroled under this authority may not engage in local employment or labor for hire," Swigart said in a statement.

Napolitano's office communicated the decision to both Sablan and Fitial yesterday.

Sablan, in a statement, said Napolitano "has responded to the constant, continual conversation on this issue with her landmark decision." Sablan met several times with Napolitano on the visa waiver program and federalization issues.

"We got what we've asked for. We are successful. Russian and Chinese tourists will continue to come in to the Northern Mariana Islands after Nov. 28. Everyone's hard work has paid off," he said.

Fitial, in a separate statement, said Napolitano made good on her promise to look for a "creative solution" to the CNMI's economic problems. Fitial went to Washington, D.C. in September to meet with Napolitano on the visa waiver program.

Businesses' voice

Jim Arenovski, president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said the business group is "very happy" and "excited" that the CNMI will be able to continue to receive Chinese and Russian tourists.

"This is an opportunity for us to continue to benefit and improve our tourism destination… This is one of the happiest days in at least the last two years," he said.

Eli Stoilova, sales and marketing manager at the Pacific Island Club in San Antonio, said DHS's announcement is good not only for PIC but for the whole CNMI.

Russian tourists are the second largest market for PIC.

"There can never be a better time for the CNMI because by a later date, the tourists would have booked their flight somewhere else, especially because New Year is a great time for tourism," she told *Saipan Tribune.*

She, however, said that members of the Commonwealth of Independent Countries, which were formerly part of the USSR, are excluded from the DHS parole. These include Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

"They are emerging destinations, and we hope they would be included too," she said.

New security features

Under U.S. immigration laws, the DHS secretary may grant parole to applicants for admission "under such conditions as he or she may prescribe only on a case-by-case basis for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit."

Starting on Nov. 28, DHS' U.S. Customs and Border Protection will assume immigration functions in the CNMI.

As a result, new security features will be in place for all travelers entering the CNMI, including Chinese and Russian tourists.

These features include a notice of entry to CBP before the flight takes off; vetting of the passengers on a security watch list before entry; and compliance with strict exit controls upon departure from the CNMI.

Sablan said in order to ensure the security of the borders, DHS will examine flight manifests 72 hours before visitors depart for the CNMI, screening out criminals or persons on terrorist watch lists.

Details of DHS' plans to use the parole system will be worked out over the next weeks.

CNMI officials thanked Napolitano and other federal officials and agencies for understanding the negative economic impact of restricting access to Russian and Chinese tourists. They also thanked businesses in the CNMI for testifying against the restrictions on these tourism markets.

Fitial discussed this development yesterday with visiting officials from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, who expressed confidence that the new DHS policy "could be implemented without any major problem—with these tourists being granted entry to the Commonwealth under this parole authority." ***(See related story)***

House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), Senate President Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) and other local lawmakers also welcomed DHS' announcement, during a meeting with CBP officials in the House chamber on Capital Hill yesterday.

The governor also briefed his Strategic Economic Development Council on the DHS statement.

The Fitial administration quoted SEDC chair Bob Jones as saying: "The DHS decision to permit continued access represents a great opportunity for scheduled air service to be extended to Russia and China." He emphasized the need for regular flights and not just charter flights.

"This will help keep our economy stable," said Jones.

Hearing postponed

Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo, in a separate statement, announced the postponement of the Oct. 22 hearing on her H.R. 3770, which seeks to continue for another year the CNMI visitor's entry program that allows Chinese and Russian tourists to enter the islands without a U.S. visa even after Nov. 28.

The hearing's postponement came after DHS announced that Chinese and Russian tourists will still be allowed to enter the CNMI without a U.S. visa even after the start of federalization.

Bordallo, who chairs the U.S. House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, also said that starting Nov. 28, citizens from Hong Kong will be allowed to enter Guam or the CNMI under the new joint visa waiver program.

This is not the first time that Marianas has admitted visitors on a parole authority basis.

From May 1, 2000, through Oct. 30, 2000, visitors from Japan to Guam were admitted under parole provisions after the then temporary visa waiver program expired and before the 106th Congress had adopted a new visa waiver program.

Woman in Social Security cards scam pleads guilty

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A woman who was arrested for her role in the scam of buying U.S. Social Security account cards issued to garment factory workers on Saipan has entered a guilty plea in federal court.

Yingzi Xu, 26, pleaded guilty to one count of buying a Social Security card and possessing an SS card with the intent to sell it.

The charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David A. Wiseman accepted the plea agreement and set the sentencing for Jan. 26, 2010, at 10am.

Wiseman remanded Xu back into the custody of the U.S. Marshal's Office.

Under the plea bargain, Xu agreed to pay any restitution required by the court. She also agreed to forfeit any rights to whatever interest she has to the $21,450 that she used to purchase 165 SS cards.

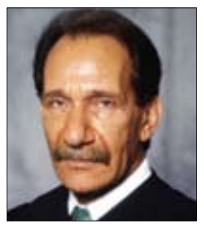
According to the plea agreement, on Feb. 16, 2009, the defendant purchased 165 SS cards for $21,450 from a person in the CNMI.

Xu had the 165 SS cards along with two other SS cards that she brought with her from China. The intention was to sell all the 167 SS cards.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation determined that the purpose of buying the SS cards was to establish identities for illegal immigrants in the U.S. mainland.

The FBI arrested Xu, a Chinese, on Aug. 3 on Saipan.

Saipan Tribune learned from sources that Xu purchased 165 SS cards from an undercover FBI agent for a total of $21,450.


Wiseman

The U.S. government charged Xu with attempt and conspiracy to commit identification document fraud, possession with intent to use or transfer five or more documents, and buying an SS card and possessing an SS card with intent to sell.

According to the indictment, Xu committed the conspiracy to commit identification document fraud on Feb. 16, 2009, through Aug. 3, 2009.

Saipan Tribune learned that the FBI seized 167 SS cards from a passenger that was flying to China in November 2008.

The FBI then used 165 of the 167 SS confiscated cards to sell them to Xu during the operation.

Xu came to Saipan in February 2009 to buy the 165 SS cards from the undercover FBI agent.

Xu came back again in August. The FBI then arrested her.

The FBI also arrested Yongri Piao on the same day Xu was arrested. The court later dismissed the complaint filed against Piao based on the prosecution's recommendation.

Nineteen persons were reportedly indicted in February 2009 in Chicago in connection with the selling to Chinese nationals of SS account cards issued on Saipan between 2003 and 2008.

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An investigating judge appointed by the CNMI Supreme Court said there is enough evidence to proceed with formal disciplinary proceedings against Superior Court associate judge Kenneth Govendo.

A Supreme Court statement said the complaint stemmed from statements Govendo made from the bench to a defendant in a family law case in July 2007.

The statement did not mention who filed the complaint and the defendant's name in the family case was not identified.

Courts public information officer Jim Stowell told *Saipan Tribune*, however, that anybody can get a copy of the complaint and the investigating judge's findings.

Saipan Tribune learned that the complaint referred to Govendo's statement where he called a Filipino defendant "muchacho" and stated he wishes he could "get rid of locals" involved in domestic violence but that he can't because they're American citizens.

It was learned that Superior Court associate judge Ramona V. Manglona filed the complaint against Govendo in the Supreme Court.

In November 2008, Manglona issued a finding that Govendo's statements were in violation of the "principles of decorum and temperance that the Judicial Canons seek to promote."

In December 2008, the high court appointed retired Guam Superior Court Judge Richard Benson to investigate the complaint. On Oct. 9, Benson submitted his findings and recommendations, concluding that there is enough evidence to proceed with the formal disciplinary proceedings.

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court notified Govendo of the findings against him. The high court ordered him to respond to the allegations within 15 days.

The Supreme Court set a hearing for Dec. 17, 2009.

Manglona discussed Govendo's statements in her order denying Roger S. Castillo's motion to vacate his criminal conviction in a domestic violence case.

In that hearing, Govendo had said he was going to notify the Attorney General's Office because he wants criminal charges filed against Castillo.

"It is time to say goodbye to Mr. Castillo. It is time that he went back to the Philippines, OK. He's a problem, he doesn't follow court orders, he's a bully and it's time that he went 'bye, bye, adios," Govendo said at the hearing.

Govendo said CNMI doesn't need people like Castillo.

"And since we're still in charge of immigration it's time to say 'problem! Adios problem! Back to the P.I. where you can be a problem there. OK. We have enough problem children here from the P.I. and it's time we get rid of them," he said.

Govendo also stated he was going to recommend that Castillo be prosecuted.

"I am going to personally take this on myself, Mr. Castillo. I want to see you leave the Northern Mariana Islands. And when you leave, I will be at the airport to go 'adios muchacho! Don't come back! Alright!"

Govendo then stated that he is going to make it his personal journey to make sure that Castillo leaves the CNMI.

Govendo also added, "I wish I could get rid of the locals but I can't. They're American citizens. But the ones who are not, there's no reason why we should have to put up with them."

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25 new youth senators are certified

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Twenty-five youth leaders were certified yesterday as new members of the CNMI 12th Youth Congress by House Floor Leader Joseph N. Camacho.

A total of 29 candidates ran during Monday's election in 11 school campuses and seven polling precincts. Of the number, seven were re-electionists who successfully won another term in office.

They included incumbent Youth Congress Speaker Alana May Leon Guerrero from Marianas High School, Bianca Blanco of Grace Christian Academy, Sunny Frank Aldan of Northern Marianas Academy, Annie Camacho of Saipan International School, Adeleyah Mojica of Precinct II, Seong Bin Lee of Precinct III, and Jessamin Santos of Precinct V.

The other 18 certified youth senators are Yong Hwa Choi of Marianas Baptist Academy, RyAnne Veronica Camacho of Mount Carmel School, Jesselyn Rachel Dris and Ashley Hofschneider of Kagman High School.

Along with Leon Guerrero, other youth senators for MHS include Antonette Cruz, Yuri Romolor, and Kristen Nicole Salas.

Students Shelane Borja and Yoshihiro Yagi will represent the Saipan Southern High School.

Masako Maria Atalig was certified to represent Rota High School, while Marisa Untalan got ti for Tinian High School.

Three candidates were certified for the Northern Marianas College: Victoria Aldan, Amanda Rae Johnson, and write-in candidate Blaren Castro.

At the precinct levels, the new youth senators include Carl John Tabucol of Precinct 1; Adeleyah Mojica of Precinct II; Seong Bin Lee, Precinct III; Joseph Yamada, Precinct IV; Jessamin Santos, Precinct V; Raena Cing, Precinct VI; and SueAnn I Waguk, Precinct VII.

The new youth leaders are set for inauguration on Nov. 19 at the House chamber where they will choose a new speaker and other officers.

Last Monday's election yielded a satisfying turnout of 63 percent, with 1,542 of the 2,463 registered youth voters participating in the election.

A big bulk of the turnout came from the 11 school precincts, which recorded 1,208 actual voters, while 334 came from the seven precinct levels.

The Youth Congress leadership said the significant increase in overall outcome was a result of aggressive efforts made by candidates during their campaign in schools and precincts.

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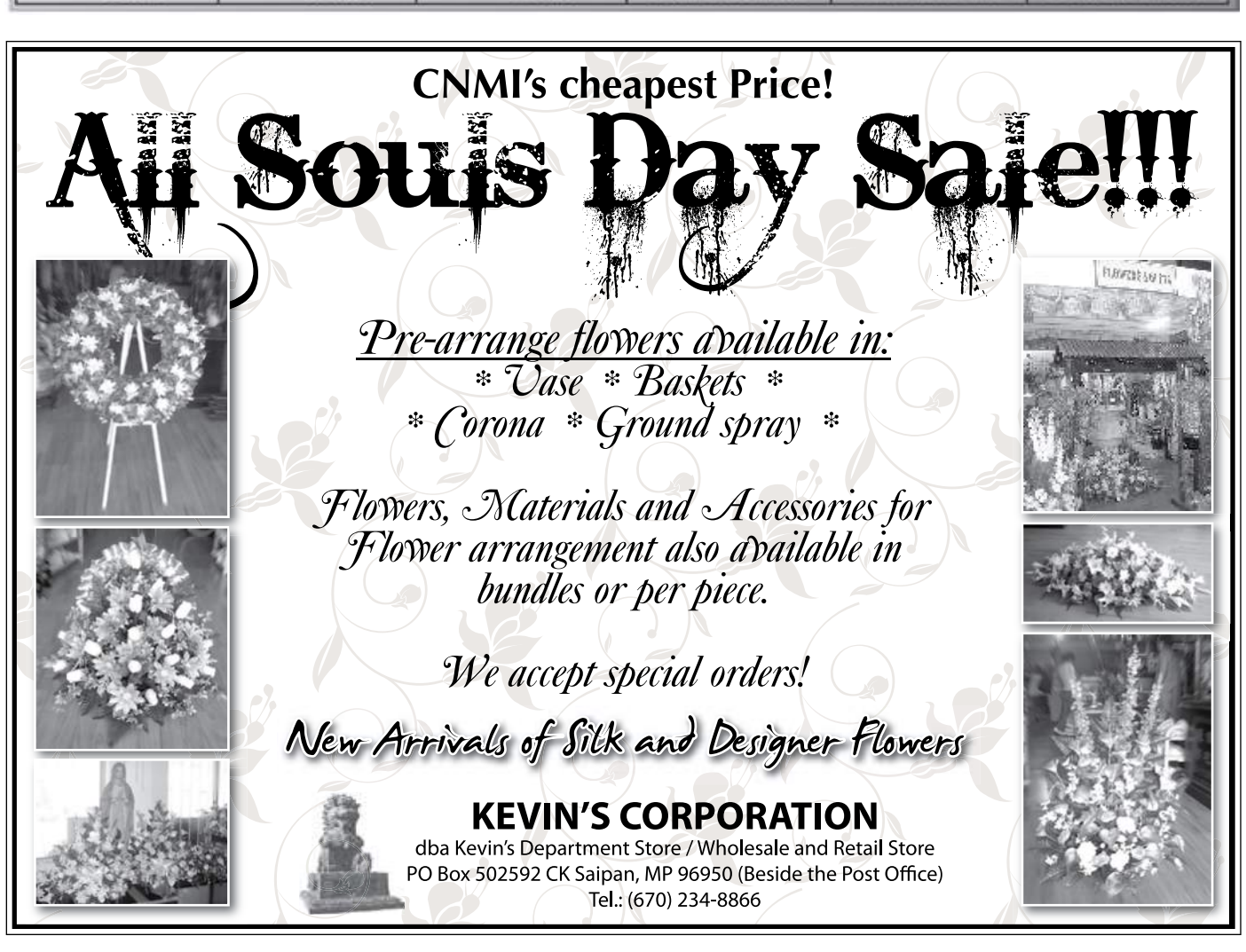
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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 23, 2000

'Release PCB test results'

Tanapag residents have asked the Department of Public Health to facilitate the assessment of the results of their medical evaluation including the blood testing in connection with polychlorinated biphenyl contamination. Juan Tenorio, one of the leaders of Tanapag Action Group, said residents are anxious over the results of the blood test and they would like to find out as soon as possible the level of PCB contamination in their blood. "We hope to find out at least before the year ends the results to ease people's apprehensions," he said.

CNMI-bound cargo come in trickles

Northern Marianas companies may have been keeping fewer inventories as a result of slow business activities here, manifested by the significant drop in the volume of CNMI-bound cargoes during the first half of the calendar year. A report obtained from the Department of Commerce quoting statistics from the Commonwealth Ports Authority disclosed a 13 percent decline in the volume of inbound revenue tonnage between January and June 2000. During the period under review, the ports authority recorded a total of 345,500 revenue inbound tonnage or a quarterly average of 172,750, lower than the average 197,275 revenue tons during the previous year.

Oct. 23, 2001

Army Reserve eyed to secure NMI ports

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has asked the US Pacific Command for help in securing more men to guard the Commonwealth's airports, in line with the increased security level being enforced by the Federal Aviation Administration nationwide. As a possible solution to the manpower problem, Tenorio suggested activating the United States Army Reserve to augment the men that are now guarding the CNMI's airports. In a letter to Rear Admiral Tom S. Fellin, commander in chief of the US Pacific Command, Tenorio said that, since the FAA issued new security guidelines, the CNMI government has been faithfully implementing the new regulations, despite a crippling lack of manpower.

Absentee ballots must be postmarked Nov. 3

The CNMI Commission on Elections yesterday said ballots cast by absentee voters should be completely answered, signed, and postmarked November 3 to be accepted and counted. Executive Director Greg Sablan reminded parents with children studying and working abroad to inform their kids to answer and sign all documents inside the absentee ballot package sent out by the commission. Sablan added that even if the CNMI government extend the deadline for absentee ballots to come in to 14 days, only those that are postmarked November 3 will be counted. Absentee voters should also sign accompanying affidavit and ballot before sending back the mail to the Northern Marianas.

Oct. 23, 2002

'Hold off pay hikes'

Despite increasingly hard-to-meet payroll costs by the CNMI government every payday, the Legislature is seeking to increase the salaries of its staff at the Legislative Bureau, prompting the Department of Finance to make a plea to hold off on the pay hikes. In a letter to legislative leaders, Finance Secretary Frank Villanueva pointed out that the present fiscal situation has severely affected the government's cash position, making it difficult to meet even the basic payroll costs. "There are many employees of the government that have not received a salary increase in years. The reality is that the current financial situation has drastically affected our cash position, making it difficult to meet even the payroll costs, let alone the operational expenses for the government," said Villanueva

How do we make graduates stay?

Discouraging prospects of a bountiful career is reportedly pushing some college graduates to pursue job opportunities outside the Northern Marianas. Scholarship Advisory Counsel Board Chair Roman C. Benavente yesterday said that around 80 to 90 percent of Education Assistance Program recipients come back to fulfill a pledge to serve the CNMI, only to be sent packing due to limited opportunities in both the private and public sectors. "It's very sad because they want to stay and settle here. But it's not to their expectations. Because of the situation of the government right now, it cannot totally accommodate these students," said Benavente.

Guard, cashier foil 2 armed men's attempt to rob poker

An alert security guard and a cashier foiled two masked men's attempt to rob a poker arcade along Martinez Road in As Lito early Wednesday morning.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Jason T. Tarkong said yesterday that police officers failed to locate the suspects at the scene.

Tarkong said the security guard at the MGM Poker Game Room saw two men dressed in black clothing and wearing black masks outside the establishment. He immediately closed the arcade's main door.

The suspects approached the main door and tried to open it. One suspect, armed with a rifle, attempted to open the door by shaking the door handle.

As the security guard watched the suspects' next move, the female cashier, who saw the incident on the video camera, immediately contacted police.

After failing to open the door, the suspects fled on foot toward the north side of the building.

When DPS received the cashier's call at 2am, police officers responded to the scene and talked with the security guard.

The officers searched the vicinity, including the boonies, but did not find the suspects.

At this time, the descriptions of the suspects such as height and weight were not available.

Tarkong said the suspect carrying a gun was described only as taller than the other suspect.

Last month, five robbery cases happened in poker establishments on Saipan.

On Sept. 18, two men armed with hammers tried to rob Viva II Poker in Chalan Kanoa, but the male security guard fought them off. The suspects grabbed a purse belonging to one customer before leaving the establishment.

On Sept. 19, two men, including one armed with a machete, entered the New Star Poker in San Jose and demanded money. The cashier, however, contacted the police on the phone, prompting the robbers to leave.

On Sept. 20, a masked man armed with a machete robbed the U Luck Poker in San Jose.

On Sept. 15, two unidentified men beat up a female cashier and tied her up during a robbery at Rio II Poker in Kagman III. One of the suspects was armed with a machete.

On Sept. 8, two unidentified men armed with a rock and a hammer robbed the Moon Night Poker in Chalan Kanoa of cash. No one was reported injured in that robbery.

Last July 29, a masked man armed with a gun robbed 10-21 Poker in Kagman III. A responding police officer recovered some cash near the crime scene. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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The clock is ticking

There is only one way for the White House and Congress to read the Supreme Court's decision on Tuesday to take up the case of Chinese Muslims wrongly imprisoned at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba: Either provide real and meaningful freedom for the Uighurs now or risk that the justices will do it—and possibly in a manner that could reach well beyond these cases.

The Bush administration determined—in some cases as long as six years ago—that the Uighurs were not America's enemies; a federal judge ordered all of them released last October. But some remain in captivity. Congress, with breathtaking cowardice and hypocrisy, has blocked any of these 17 detainees from being freed into the United States.

The administration has been working hard but has not yet been able to find suitable homes for all of the detainees. They cannot be returned to their Chinese homeland for fear of persecution. Four Uighurs are now living and working in Bermuda, and the island nation of Palau has signaled its intention of taking in 12 of the remaining detainees. Palau has declined to take in Arkin Mahmud, who suffers from serious mental health issues because of his detention and lengthy periods of solitary confinement. Arkin's brother, Bahtiyar Mahnut, has declined Palau's invitation in order to stay by his brother's side. Unless another country accepts the brothers, they could remain in custody indefinitely—a prospect that is unconscionable and that no doubt informed the justices' decision to hear the matter.

The legal question before the justices is a difficult one: whether a U.S. federal judge has the power to order the release of detainees into the United States. Traditionally, only the executive and legislative branches have had the authority to admit foreigners. Judicial intervention in this area raises issues regarding separation of powers and could pose delicate questions about the judiciary's proper role in all manner of immigration matters.

But the moral and ethical imperatives are clear and compelling. The Uighurs find themselves subject to detention not because they tried to enter the country illegally but because they were snatched in Pakistan and Afghanistan after the United States' 2001 invasion of Afghanistan and forcibly taken to Guantanamo. The United States has complete control over the fate of these men and should take full responsibility in righting the situation. That should include narrowly crafted legislation that would allow Mr. Mahmud and Mr. Mahnut into the United States, where they could remain together and Mr. Mahmud could get the medical help he needs.

The Supreme Court will probably hear the Uighurs' case in February and is likely to render a decision by June. Lawmakers and the White House should craft a diplomatic and political remedy that makes that court decision unnecessary.

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Four-handle mugs

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If you have any semblance of a fun life you may have missed this item in the computer world, so I'll tap the CNMI on the shoulder and mention that is the week Windows 7 hits the market.

Windows 7, for the elucidation of non-geeks, is Microsoft's new computer operating system.

Before I offer some thoughts on this, I want to splash a caveat up front regarding my boosterism for netbook computers. I think netbooks are great in general, ideal for island life in specific, and just the ticket for many of Saipan's cash-strapped residents who need to accomplish some basic computing. The good ones are supremely useful, and most are very cheap—we're talking under $300 in some cases now if you find a super-duper sale on the Web.

But here is the caveat: My boosterism has been predicated on netbooks that run Windows XP. I've got no idea how Windows 7 is going to turn out, but I'm happy enough and familiar enough with XP that it doesn't make sense for me to migrate from XP.

One thing I've noticed with software in general, though, is that "features" are often confused with "benefits." So many programs are so bloated and weighed down with so many "features" that they're harder to use, and less efficient to use, than their simpler forerunners.

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For example, in the word-smithing category, I don't want dancing paper clips on my computer screen. I don't want a "feature" that tries to make a bullet-list of an indented paragraph. I don't want some asinine function that, unsolicited, turns a "(c)" entry into a "©" symbol. I don't want cute icons that pop up to offer precocious suggestions. I don't want capital letters to be put where I typed a lower-case letter. I don't want e-mail addresses to be underlined when I didn't underline them. And yet, some popular software does this stuff.

So it's no wonder that in my corporate days, I would commonly see people spending two hours to produce a memo that a manual typewriter could have churned out in five minutes. They messed with layouts, formatting, fonts, and once they figured they could put clip art on the memo, well, that was good for killing another half-hour.

So, this time of year, you can judge the inefficiency of your office by how many memos have Halloween-themed clip art on them.

OK, back to operating system stuff. When Vista, the predecessor to Windows 7, was enjoying hoopla from pundits in the computer press, they loved to gush about how "fun" it was to use. Fun? An operating system? I must be missing the point entirely, I admit. Furthermore, it caused me to suspect that my preferences are not the preferences being targeted by the software maker; once I got my hands on Vista, my suspicions were entirely confirmed.

Here is the textbook riff on the features vs. benefits gig: Let's say that you are trying to extol the praises of a tea cup, and this particular cup has a great feature on it, namely, it has a handle.

Which is to say, the handle is a feature. But the benefit of the handle is that it prevents you from burning your hand when you pick up the cup. To a customer, the benefit is the more persuasive issue.

Which brings to mind this: When I was a kid I took a class in ceramics. One of my pals made a coffee mug for his dad. This mug had not one, but four handles on it, arrayed at roughly 90-degrees from each other. Which is to say, it had more features than the average mug, but you'd probably bash out your front teeth if you tried to use it. So much for features and benefits.

I hope that Windows 7 turns out to be a great operating system, a worthy scion of the trusty and reliable Windows XP. That would make life a lot easier for me when my inventory of computers finally conks out. Unfortunately, much of what we will hear about it will be from dedicated advocates or dedicated detractors, all of whom who can (and will) play endless games of rhetoric.

This issue will probably hit the Commonwealth before Christmas, when netbook computers find themselves on gift lists, and Santas have to choose between Windows XP and Windows 7.

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Letters to the Editor

STM

Corruption. It is a word that has become quite common in our daily discussions. Corruption has been addressed as being one of the biggest contributors to the degradation of our islands. In his most recent State of the Judiciary Address, Chief Justice Miguel Demapan stated that government corruption is "too prevalent" and that it hinders the CNMI's ability to provide basic services, from public utilities to public education.

I used to think corruption was the biggest problem plaguing the CNMI. I think I might have been wrong. You see, there seems to be a greater underlying problem here in the CNMI, something that has yet to be addressed in forums, debates, or letters to the editor. It is a condition known as short-term-memory, or STM. People who are affected by STM retain information in their memory banks for only a short period of time, and then it is gone. STM seems to be in its most infectious stage right before elections, and it appears to mostly affect those given political jobs, sole-source contracts, or special political favors.

While studies of STM in the CNMI are still in their formative stages, I have been doing my own research on the condition. Before Governor Fitial decides to declare a state of emergency on STM, I would like to share, free of charge, some of my findings on its prevalence here in our community. Here are three prime examples of STM in action:

■ **Charm and charisma and STM.** Not too long ago, Governor Fitial was widely unpopular with our Filipino community when an entourage of U.S. officials, including U.S. Rep. Donna Christensen, visited the CNMI Guma Hustisia to hear testimonials for and against federalization. Outside the CNMI's courthouse, Governor Fitial was alleged to have told a group of demonstrators holding banners and signs to go home. Inside the courtroom, Governor Fitial told Christensen and her colleagues to ignore the demonstrators because they were all "illegals who needed to be deported." How unpopular was this comment with the Filipino community? At a concert held at American Memorial Park shortly thereafter, Governor Fitial was booed by thousands of Filipinos when his name was announced. Filipinos were also upset because Governor Fitial never supported or even entertained Rep. Tina Sablan's bill, which was aimed at improving the status of long-term guest workers, most especially those with American children. While Governor Fitial has done nothing to improve long-term guest worker status and wants to keep the status quo of keeping guest workers in the CNMI for decades with no hope of ever becoming naturalized American citizens, there are groups of Filipinos supporting the re-election efforts of Fitial. One of my *kababayans* told me that he is supporting Fitial because he met him at a party and he shook his hand and was "very charming and funny." What was most disconcerting to me was that a year earlier, my *kababayan* wanted Fitial impeached.

■ **STM thrives in political ecosystems.** A friend of mine was once a proud Republican who would tell me all the reasons why Governor Fitial was one of the worst governors to ever serve the CNMI. He explained how he came to that conclusion and also talked about how daily power outages were killing his business and how Fitial neglected small businesses like his and only entertained corporate giants. He spoke about how shameful it was for people to sacrifice integrity for political jobs. Sadly, he eventually closed his business. A few months ago, I saw him at a roadside waving alongside Governor Fitial. I couldn't believe my eyes! How did he go from a Fitial foe to a Fitial fan? I was later informed that he had been given a job under the Fitial administration. There are several cases just like this, and this pattern shows a connection between political positions and STM. However, there is hope for him and several others: a popular prognosis for this condition is that his memory will be fully restored should Fitial fail to get re-elected.

■ **Roadmap to STM.** For evidence that STM is thriving here in the CNMI, we need look no further than Governor Fitial's "Roadmap to Better Times" platform from four years ago. While I could write volumes on how Governor Fitial failed to follow his "roadmap" and on how he needs a new navigational system as well as a more reliable map, all we really have to do is open our eyes and look around us to see just how bad things are today. Throughout his campaign, Governor Fitial promised to deliver better times to our people. He promised economic bliss. He promised that investors would come running as soon as he became governor, but apparently all the investors ran right past us to our neighbor island of Guam, which just so happens to be federalized! (Lucky we didn't get trampled.) He promised fairness and transparency. He promised us the heavens when elected, but today it seems we are somewhere between purgatory and hell. We recently experienced a series of numerous power outages, and while Fitial blames old engines, he forgets to mention one of the main culprits of our power woes: DCM. DCM was given a sole-source emergency contract to repair and rehabilitate CUC's engines very early in the Fitial administration. DCM failed, and to this day, the AG's Office has not pursued the penalty clause for DCM's breach of contract. Had DCM completed their scope of work, Aggreko would have never been needed, and we could have avoided the agonizing months of daily power outages, and we could have channeled millions of dollars spent on Aggreko and a DCM-replacement on something else, like maybe paying the broken CNMI Retirement Fund. After spending millions of dollars in handing out sole-source contracts and bypassing procurement protocol; after lying to the people that local funds would not be used in his federalization lawsuit and then making it worse by never disclosing exactly how much was being spent and what account the money was coming from; after removing local law enforcement from working with DEA even though crystal meth or "ice" is reaching epidemic proportions here and is destroying families, most especially our youth; after humiliating demonstrators in front of U.S. visiting officials; after decimating CHC through mismanagement to the point where our local hospital has no nephrologist, no pediatrician, no lab director, doctors suddenly leaving, only two remaining ER doctors out of an original eight, and a yet-to-be-opened dialysis center that ballooned from an original $5 million to $22 million; after failing DPS officers by bypassing protocol and failing to promote police officers fairly, which led to more than 20 DPS officers filing a lawsuit; after dishing out public lands to shady investors for pennies on the dollar, only to later find out that they have yet to "show us the money" and start on their plans of building their proposed resorts; after failing to spend CIP money but still having the audacity to ask the U.S. for more federal aid; after hundreds of families left our islands during the Fitial administration to seek greener pastures in the U.S. mainland; after circumventing CNMI law by failing to appoint an Attorney General for more than a year; after failing to go after more than $6 million reported by OPA in misused and abused funds; and after all our pain, suffering, hardships, and the utter failure to deliver the promises of better times, there are still Fitial supporters who apparently forgot all of this and are now telling the general public to just "Let it Be." *Let it be*? Really? I seriously doubt the average person could take all of this in and still support Governor Fitial. He was given four years to improve our lives, so, are we really better off today than we were four years ago? Undoubtedly, the few doctors left at CHC would arrive at a diagnosis for the affliction: STM!

> *I used to think corruption was the biggest problem plaguing the* CNMI. *I think I might have been wrong. You see, there seems to be a greater underlying problem here in the* CNMI, *something that has yet to be addressed in forums, debates, or letters to the editor. It is a condition known as short-term-memory, or* STM

Now that we are more aware of the symptoms of STM, what can we do to safeguard ourselves against it? While we await clinical trials and the testing of vaccines for STM, there are some ways to try to prevent it from spreading. Studies have shown that those who continue to keep themselves informed and educated on the issues affecting the CNMI have developed antibodies and a resistance to STM. There are rumors going around that some rabble rousers are using their DNA to produce the vaccine.

So while we await the cure, let us all keep a close eye on STM and do daily checks on our family members to make sure they don't have it. If they show any symptoms of STM, take them immediately to CHC. But bring a book. You may have to wait six to eight hours before you are able to see a doctor.

Ed Propst
Dandan, Saipan

Article XII: Restrictions and protections on private land ownership

Editor's Note: The following is an essay prepared by the Citizens for Change of Article 12. A follow-up essay will discuss exceptions to the NMD land ownership restrictions and the effects of Article XII on the real estate market and the economy during the 20-plus years since its implementation.

First part of a series

Since 1976, only persons of Northern Marianas descent have been allowed to own land in the CNMI.

In 2011, approximately one generation and 25 years will have passed with the CNMI operating under these protections. As we approach the time when a decision about continuing, changing, or abolishing restrictions on land ownership can be brought before the people, it is important for everyone to clearly understand the issues.

Part 1 of this paper deals with who, exactly, is a person of Northern Marianas Descent.

Under Article XII of the CNMI Constitution private land ownership is restricted to certain persons. Section 805 of the Covenant mandates that these restrictions stay in place until 2011, at which time the people of the Commonwealth may consider whether or not to maintain, abolish, or amend them.

From the very beginning of negotiations that led up to the creation of the Covenant it was agreed that the people of the Northern Marianas needed be protected from an anticipated influx of sophisticated outside investors. The main concern was that these outside investors might out-bid local residents and purchase large amounts of the available land. It was feared that this would drive real estate values beyond the reach of residents and forever leave many without the opportunity to own land.

The CNMI Constitution designates the category of persons who may own land in the CNMI. This designation had to encompass all persons who were allowed to reside in the Northern Marianas after the repatriations following World War II, and yet not include those who were there at the behest of the United States government.

This was a complex task because over the centuries since first contact with the Spanish in 1521, there has been blending of peoples and migrations from other islands, although a framework of Chamorro and Carolinian cultures persist.

Ultimately, the solution was to create a political designation; persons of Northern Marianas Descent.

So, based on the citizenship parameters established in the Covenant, Article XII Section 4 of the Constitution was crafted. First, it was necessary to establish who was considered a full-blooded Northern Marianas Chamorro or Carolinian. These persons had to be either born or living in the Northern Marianas Islands by 1950 and must have been a citizen of the Trust Territory before the Trusteeship was terminated.

Then, provision had to be made for the subsequent generations and to what extent dilution from the full-blooded designation would be permitted while still allowing a person to be considered of Northern Marianas descent. The final decision as laid out in the Constitution is that a person who is at least one quarter Northern Marianas Chamorro or Northern Marianas Carolinian blood or a combination of the two, or a child adopted prior to the age of 18 by a person of Northern Marianas Descent qualifies as being of Northern Marianas Descent.

The only other "persons" who are legally considered persons Northern Marianas descent are certain corporations who are incorporated in the Commonwealth, have their principal place of business in the Commonwealth, have directors one-hundred percent of whom are persons of Northern Marianas descent and have voting shares (i.e. common or preferred) one-hundred percent of which are actually owned by persons of Northern Marianas descent.

These are almost exclusively the persons who may own land in the CNMI.

Cleanup time

In Tuesday's issue of the *Marianas Variety*, a story ran about a visit by Homeland Security staff who will be on island to look into possibly using the Corrections center to house overstayers. I guess if you are an overstayer you should be afraid because it appears it is cleanup time.

Silech Terei
Navy Hill, Saipan

The Weather

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

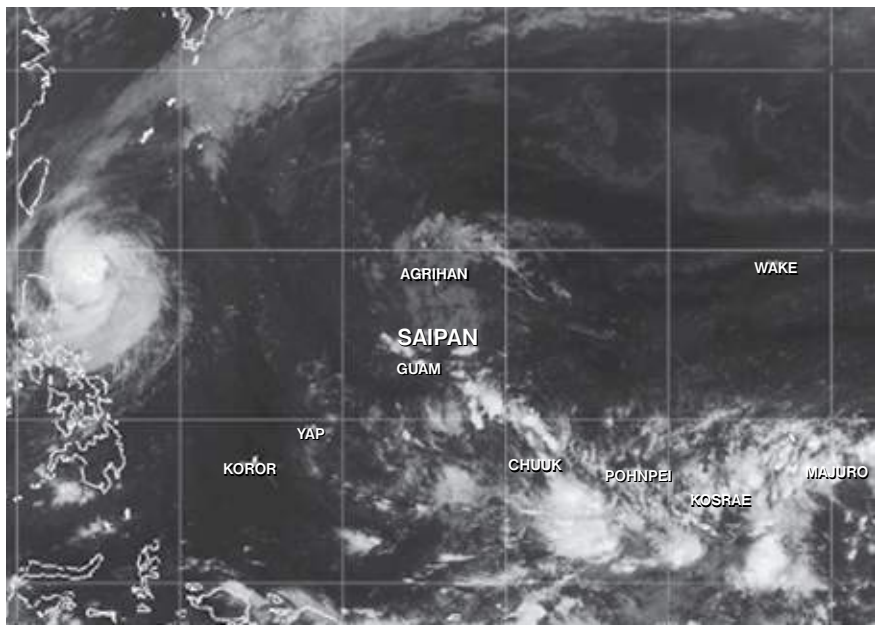
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Rain	▲84	▼76
Palau	Partly Sunny	▲87	▼77
Yap	Showers	▲87	▼76
Chuuk	Showers	▲88	▼78
Pohnpei	Sunny	▲88	▼73
Kosrae	Partly Sunny	▲88	▼76
Majuro	Showers	▲87	▼76

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲62	▼50
Beijing	Sunny	▲73	▼48
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲84	▼75
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	▲83	▼75
London	Showers	▲61	▼50
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲88	▼64
Manila	Rain	▲83	▼76
Melbourne	Showers	▲74	▼53
Miami	Partly Sunny	▲87	▼77
New York	Showers	▲56	▼49
Osaka	Sunny	▲72	▼53
Paris	Showers	▲61	▼48
Pusan	Sunny	▲75	▼53
Rome	Cloudy	▲71	▼49
Salem	Rain	▲61	▼42
San Francisco	Partly Sunny	▲71	▼55
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼50
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲70	▼54
Washington, DC	Showers	▲66	▼58

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2009
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak upper-level low over the Northern Marianas is centered near 18N147E with scattered showers between 15N and 22N from 143E to 148E. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from near Guam to near Chuuk within 100 miles of a line from 14N143E to 13N148E to 9N152E. A near-equatorial trough extends from near Palau at 8N136E through a weak circulation at 7N146E eastward through another weak circulation southwest of Majuro near 5N169E eastward past 180 at 4N. Convergent west winds are causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from southeast of Chuuk to southeast of Kosrae between the equator and a line from 6N153E to 3N168E. Convergent northeast winds are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across Kosrae and the Marshall Islands within 150 miles of a line from 5N163E to 9N178E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
4:45 AM Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
12:09 PM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
5:29 PM Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet
9:39 PM Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:10 AM	5:52 PM
Saturday	6:11 AM	5:52 PM
Sunday	6:11 AM	5:51 PM
Monday	6:11 AM	5:51 PM
Tuesday	6:11 AM	5:50 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:35 AM	8:57 PM
Saturday	10:28 AM	9:50 PM
Sunday	12:02 AM	11:34 PM
Monday	12:43 AM	
Tuesday	1:22 PM	12:24 AM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

C09597	11:50am	12:25pm	1, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1, 7

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:20am	5:10am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09597	11:50am	1:20pm	1, 7 via ROP
C09601	12:30pm	1:20pm	4, 5
C09603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

NW99	6:05am	8:40am	Last flights Oct. 23 and 24
NW78	9:00am	2:05pm	via NGO last flights Oct 21 and 23
NW75	3:50pm	6:25pm	Last flights Oct. 21 to 24

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	1, 3, 4, 6

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	1, 3, 4, 6 via KIX
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/703	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:30pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

C09598	3:15am	3:50am	5, 6
C09312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	2:10am	2:40am	5, 6
C09312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09598	2:10am	3:50am	5, 6 via ROP
C09316	2:20am	3:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:20am	11:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
C09312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6 via ROP
C09602	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

NW76	10:00am	2:35pm	Last flights Oct. 21 to 24
NW77	6:35pm	1:40am+1	via NGO last flights Oct 20 and 22
NW100	8:45pm	1:20am+1	Last flights Oct. 22, 23 and 24

OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN

OZ120	9:55pm	2:20am+1	2, 3, 5, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	4, 7
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	2, 3, 5, 7 via KIX
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA-SAIPAN

OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
OZ704/605	11:50pm	2:30pm+1	3, 6 via ICN

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	4, 7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

Letters to the Editor

No mud slinging necessary

On Wednesday evening I sat with my father reading the article by Frank Benavente. We commented on the article as well as the obvious last name. On Oct. 22, an Alexander Villagomez wrote in response to that letter. What caught my attention was Alexander's assumption that Frank was involved in my father's campaign.

There are many things I have heard about my father, some good and some bad. Those who know my father or have met him at one time or another have seen he has no qualms discussing his point of view or asking for yours. My father has been in the public eye for many years and with it came scrutiny; as a family we have accepted this and maintained a dignified silence. Yet, as Alexander has seen fit to clarify his point of view with a firsthand account and defend a mayoral candidate, I will do so accordingly.

My father has never engaged in mud slinging. He has run in three elections and regardless of the result never attempted to defame his running mates. He has never used petty tactics to undermine the campaign of another. He has not promised scores of jobs to people. It is also known that he has never conducted any fundraising activities to operate his campaign as he believes his role is not to take money from people but to work to help them keep it. What my father has done is run a clean election with respect for all this running mates; visited with people across the island to hear their concerns; offered alternatives that he sees are progressive; take advice and consider your point of view.

Thus far I have only once alluded to Alexander's or Frank's last names. As Alexander has demonstrated, here in the CNMI we are all judged by our last names. Yet it does not matter that Roman and Frank are Benaventes or that Angelo and Alexander are Villagomezs or Tenorio or Camacho or Flores (you get the idea). What does matter and what we should all ask ourselves is after the inauguration in January 2010, which candidate will not shut the door on you when you walk in unannounced to voice a concern? My father, Roman Cepeda Benavente, is a man who is an experienced public servant. My father is a man with family values and tradition, balanced with a keen eye for change. Now that, Alexander, you can believe came directly from the campaign. No mud slinging necessary.

Darrah Benavente-Tagabuel
Koblerville, Saipan

A matter of fairness

Dear Rep. Stanley Torres: I have received your letter of Sept. 8 requesting that I inquire into two issues of fairness regarding the troops of CNMI 442nd Unit.

As a former Army Reserve myself, I take any indication that these brave troops are not being treated in a manner befitting their service to our nation very much to heart.

In order to obtain the most accurate response to your letter I have referred the matter to the office of the U.S. Army House Liaison on Sept. 11.

As soon as I have received a response, I will share it with you.

Thank you for your advocacy on behalf of our troops.

Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan
CNMI Delegate, Washington D.C.

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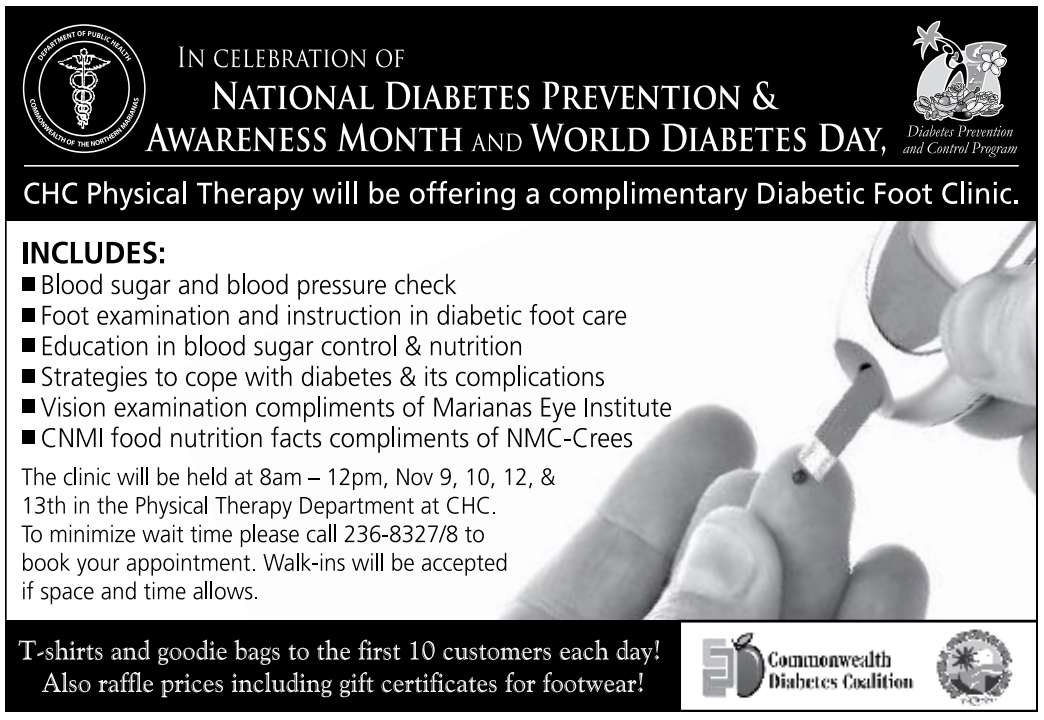
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Commonwealth Diabetes Coalition

Misinformed

This is in response to the letter to the editor written by Frank Benavente, in which he stated that Angelo Villagomez is responsible for making it harder for fishermen to find fish with which to support their family because he spearheaded the Mariana Trench Marine National Monument.

I feel confident that someone in the local community can address this issue better than I can, and make it clear why Mr. Benavente is misinformed on this matter. However, I would like to address the other issue that Mr. Benavente raised about Angelo not being in touch with the realities of making a living.

Angelo has worked to support himself since he was in high school. He had a part-time job after school in high school, and also worked while he put himself through college for both of his college degrees. How do I know this? Because I am his mom, and back then as a single mother, I couldn't do it all on my own, and Angelo always helped out.

There may be an incorrect image out there of Angelo as someone who has been given everything in this life, but that is not true. He has had to work very hard for what he has, and as a result I know that he appreciates how hard most of us have to work to make it in this world.

I know that there are other very smart and determined people running for mayor. I would urge the people of Saipan to vote for Angelo because he is an honest man, an educated man, someone who values hard work and most importantly, he is someone who is a creative problem solver. I do know that Angelo Villagomez will work very hard to be the best mayor of Saipan.

Donna OConnor Villagomez
Ford Winter Park, Florida

Fundamentally flawed

Dear Sen. Joseph M. Mendiola:

At the special session you conducted yesterday, you "recalled" Bill 16-02, then passed Bill 16-03, essentially the same measure with some changes in verbiage. You acted once again without a public announcement or a public hearing. In essence, you approved a $1 million loan to pay the mayor's past debts, including the 14 percent retroactive pay raises for our deserving employees.

The reference to a requirement for a resolution listing the specific projects for which the loan proceeds may be used is a legal fiction. If MPLT approves the loan, you will simply call another unannounced meeting and put whatever the mayor wants into the resolution and pass it without public hearing. Moreover, as I stated in my last letter, your bill is fundamentally flawed. It ignores the fact that the terms of the 2006 Tinian Municipal Budget Act were not followed.

Apart from the possible legal deficiencies, the overriding problem with your measure is that there is no money left from the casino revenues to pay back the loan. When I voted in favor of the section in the 2006 Budget Act that required Mayor San Nicolas to pay the 14 percent retroactive pay raises, there were sufficient funds coming in from Tinian Dynasty to pay the bill. However, because the development of the casino industry has not been prioritized by this mayor's administration, those funds have now dried up. Had you asked for testimony from the Tinian Gaming Control Commission on Bills 16-02 or 03, you would have learned that fact.

Instead of paying the employees 14 percent retroactive pay raises, as we directed, casino revenues were spent on other matters that were apparently considered more important then our local employees' income.

Now the mayor wants us to give him $1 million guaranteed by a Municipal Fund that is earning less than $3 million a year. If the delegation agrees to this request, there will be insufficient funds remaining to pay for the operations of the Gaming Commission or salaries for the employees the mayor has already hired from the Municipal Fund. That makes no sense.

What makes sense is to entertain a new Tinian Municipal Budget that will take into account the real condition of the Municipal Fund and the casino industry.

That of course, will require an audit of the Tinian Municipal Fund, because the mayor has never provided us with an accounting of what he has spent.

Be assured that I am still ready, willing and eager to work with you cooperatively on a new Tinian Municipal Budget, enacted according to law, with public hearings and a transparent legislative process.

Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider
Tinian

Ignorance

Jamie Vergara stated that during his train trip to Los Angles he talked with a former Marine who laughed at the thought that Jaime owes his life to the work of our military and our homeland security.

If Jaime were to look at the long list of terrorist attacks stretching from the Iranian highjacking of a U.S. passenger plane in 1978 (and holding the crew and passengers captive for 454 days) to the Twin Tower attacks on 9/11, he should realize how stupid it is to laugh at the danger that exists for all Americans from the terrorists.

I was on Saipan in my classroom at MHS on 9/11—a day that no one thought could happen but it did and thousands of people died! They are dead, Jaime! No one was scoffing at the idea of terrorists being a danger!

Your lack of gratitude for you life, education, and your safety as you live and travel (enjoying our great American freedom) is a testimony to your ignorance.

Franklin Keiper Mayer
Arizona

W. Pacific judges set conference on Saipan

The Pacific Judicial Council composed of the judiciaries of the CNMI, Guam, the Republic of Palau, American Samoa, and the Federated States of Micronesia will be having their 2009 PJC Biennial Conference at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan on Oct. 25–29.

It is estimated that approximately 40 judges and justices from the region as well as the CNMI private bar will be in attendance.

Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan and the CNMI Judiciary will be their host.

The event will begin Sunday evening with a welcome reception hosted by the CNMI Bar Association at the Fiesta. The Manta Ray Band from Marianas High School will perform during the festivities.

On Monday morning, it will be down to four days of work and education with presentations and interactive discussions on subjects such as the handling pro se or self-represented litigation, ethics, the professional responsibilities of attorneys, and the courts as cultural mediators in domestic violence.

Presenters will include lawyer Richard Zorza, a national figure on the topic of self-represented litigants, speaking on "The Challenges of Engagement and Neutrality for Judges and Courts," Judge Michael Keasler of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and a former faculty of the National Judicial College, whose address is titled "Judicial Ethics," and Guam Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, whose speech "Can We Have Competent, Ethical, Courteous Lawyers in Court?" will be open to the attendance by members of the CNMI Bar Association. Other prominent speakers from the region will be presenting.

Tuesday afternoon's conference sessions and all those on Wednesday are open to CNMI Bar Association members for a $50 daily registration.

The conference participants include justices and judges from the Superior and Supreme Courts of Guam, the U.S. District Court of Guam, the Yap State Court, the Palauan Supreme and Land Courts, the High and District Courts of American Samoa, Chuuk's State Supreme Court, the FSM Supreme Court, the Kosrae State Court, the High and District Courts of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Pohnpei Supreme Court. Each of the island's judiciaries will have an opportunity to tell of their own administrative team's development, a focus of a meeting in Palau earlier this year.

One evening the attendees will be hosted to dinner by Chief Justice and Mrs. Miguel S. Demapan. ***(PR)***

For Rota and Tinian

The people of Rota and Tinian voted to authorize casino operations on these two islands. A Hofschneider-Palacios administration intends to support their choice to the fullest extent of our ability. For Rota and Tinian, the Hofschneider-Palacios team will spearhead negotiations with the airlines to bring charter flights to service their casino industries. Tinian will receive our full support in their bid for an Automatic Landing System (ALS). We will also explore designating the ferry as a public transportation to help establish this additional link between Tinian and Saipan.

With new agreements negotiated by our local agricultural coop to supply produce to the military on Guam, a small but important industry is developing that caters specifically to the agricultural capabilities of farmers on Rota and Tinian. These arrangements breathe new life into a dormant agricultural industry and builds on the ongoing efforts of local coffee and pineapple producers to serve resident, tourist and regional market needs. In addition, a big variety of aquaculture business ventures beyond shrimp should be actively pursued.

The Hofschneider-Palacios team will provide support to Rota and Tinian in their effort to build their economies by spurring business growth and creating employment opportunities for their residents.

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Kon respetu para todos manginiflie-mami na residentten Saipan, man atungo yan familia. Hami ni famaguon I defunto yan defunta as Juan Aguon Sanchez (masmatungo-na kumo as Juan Catalino) yan Concepcion Delos Reyes Deleon Guerrero (mas matungo-na kumo as Chong Apa), en yayama i attension miyo ya' enfafaisen hamyo ni botu konfiansa para I chelun-mami as JOE DELEON GUERRERO SANCHEZ, mas matungo'na as JOE-BERNIE, asaguan Bernie Pangelinan Pinaula (familian Agaga yan Apu), ni malalagu para I puesto Atkatde, Munisipalidat Saipan, guine gi mamaila na eleksion, Nobrenbre 7, 2009.

Ginen hami todos ni mane'lo, i asaguan-mami, i famaguon-mami yan asaguan niha, un senseru na agradesimento yan dangkulo na si yu'us ma'ase nuisuppottasion yan ayudon miyo.

Hafa adai to all family, friends, and fellow residents of Saipan. We, the family of the late Juan Aguon Sanchez (Juan Catalino) and Concepcion Deleon Guerrero Sanchez (Chong Apa), humbly ask for your support for our brother JOE DLG. SANCHEZ, Mayoral Candidate for the island of Saipan.

Our families would like to extend our sincerest appreciation and thanks for all of your support.

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Alien worker groups set forum on 'umbrella permits'

Two alien worker associations are organizing a forum to discuss the CNMI government's plan to issue two-year "umbrella permits" to alien workers who have lawful status in the Commonwealth.

The United Workers Movement and the Pilipino Contract Workers Association set the forum for tomorrow, Oct. 24, at the amphitheater of the American Memorial Park in Garapan from 9:30am to 11:30am.

"We are confused with this umbrella permits, that's why we're calling for this forum," UWM president Rabby Syed told Saipan Tribune Wednesday.

Syed said workers from Tinian and Rota may also participate in the forum through teleconference by calling 285-3306.

Syed said the speakers will include CNMI Bar president Maya Kara, Dekada Movement president Stephen Woodruff, Rep. Tina Sablan, and attorneys Mark Hanson and Jane Mack.

"Those who are in favor or not in favor of this umbrella permit must come up with their own views, ideas and opinions that will help us to figure out the exact [nature of the permits]," said a statement signed by Syed, PILCOWA president Jun Concillado, and UWM and PILCOWA chairman Ronnie Doca.

The Department of Labor announced on Wednesday that it will begin releasing the transitional conditional permits (umbrella permits) on Monday, Oct. 26. The release of the permits will be done in alphabetical order. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

El Nino prompts fears of Micronesia drought

Experts say much of Micronesia will remain in drought-like conditions for the next six months, as an El Nino weather system approaches.

El Nino takes place every four to five years and involves changing weather patterns, thanks to the rapid warming of the surface of the southern Pacific Ocean.

Scientists are warning its effects this year will be far-reaching, on a number of islands in the region including Palau, the Northern Marianas and Marshall Islands.

Mark Lander from the University of Guam, says he has already begun speaking to authorities about the effects of El Nino.

"We've gone to Kosrae and the Northern Mariana Islands, and we are going to go to Palau and Yap and then to Chuuk and Pohnpei," he said.

Meanwhile scientists are calling for large areas of the southern Pacific Ocean to be protected, in a similar way to the Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Australia's Queensland state. ***(Australia Network News)***

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

KKA sets gubernatorial forum today

The Kagman Komunidat Association will be hosting a Gubernatorial Forum at the Kagman Community Center today, Oct. 23 at 7pm. KKA encourages the undecided voters to attend and share their concerns. For more information, contact KKA president, Jesse Torres at kagmankomunidatassociation@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Free alternative energy lecture at AMP today

Saipan-based physics professor John Hait will be conducting a series of free lectures on alternative energy at the American Memorial Park, beginning this Friday, Oct. 23, 2009, with the topic "Solar Electric Generator That Doesn't Run Down at Sundown." It will begin at 6pm.

He said his lessons will feature practical applications for local use, each with a negative carbon footprint and capable of making the island a showcase of Earth-compatible energy generation.

Hait's future lectures will feature the following topics and dates:

- How to Recycle Scrap Metal into Electricity, Nov. 6
- Wind Power on a Budget, Nov.20
- Simple Wave and Hydro Power, Jan.8
- The Super High Efficiency Alternator, Jan. 22
- Homes with Built-in, Continuously Comfortable Temperatures
- Save, Using Local Building Materials, Feb. 19
- Alternative Energy Distribution, March 5
- Manufacturing Using Local and Recycled Materials, March 19
- Turning Alternative Energy into Money, April 9

For more information, visit Hait's Web site at www.Einstein Code.com. ***(PR)***

Puengin Inetnon today

Puengin Inetnon will be held again today, Oct. 23, 2009, at the Kagman Community Center's parking lot. Canton Restaurant, Lynn's BBQ, Fong's Bakery, Champ's Shave Ice, and Bali Fashion will be selling food, drinks, snacks, clothing, and crafts. The Library's Bookmobile will be available for the public to check out books.

Puengin Inetnon is Kagman's Friday Night Market that will take place every government payday. It will begin at 4:30pm and end at 10pm. Puengin Inetnon is a family oriented event. Alcohol will be prohibited from the event. All are welcome. Come attend Puengin Inetnon for some family fun in Kagman. Interested vendors can call Jesse Torres at 256-7678 for applications. ***(PR)***

Thanksmas tickets on sale

Get ready for a dazzling evening during Off The Beaten Path's *ThanksMas* event to benefit the Autism Society of the CNMI.

The benefit will take place on Dec. 5 at Giovanni's at the Hyatt Regency Saipan starting at 6pm. Tickets are $40. Call Larrisa Larson at 322-3761 or send an e-mail to as_cnmi@yahoo.com; you may also call Reina Camacho at 285-7677 or send an e-mail to OBP at obpcnmi@gmail.com.

In addition, the OBP will be presenting the Hall of Fame Award to recognize a CNMI resident who has demonstrated exemplary commitment to the social and cultural enrichment of the Commonwealth.

The 2007 Hall of Fame Award recipient was Theodore Parker. Nominations for the Hall of Fame Award for 2009 will be accepted until Nov. 10, 2009. Please submit nominations by e-mail to obpcnmi@gmail.com and include a brief letter summarizing the efforts of the nominated individual.

For more information about ThanksMas, contact obpcnmi@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

CDD postpones Tinian forum

The Office of the Council on Developmental Disabilities has postponed_the Legislative Forum for Oct. 30, 2009, on Tinian. The focuses of the forums are to provide advocates of the CNMI disability community the opportunity to provide outreach and educate CNMI stakeholders on the needs of individual with developmental disabilities. If you would like to volunteer your time for the Forums, call our office at 664-7000/1/2. ***(PR)***

Kagman Saturday Flea Market

Kagman's Saturday Flea Market will be on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at the Kagman Community Center's parking lot. It will be held every government payday Saturday. You may only sell your used items. Tents and tables will be provided. Interested sellers can call Jesse Torres at 256-7678 for more info. ***(PR)***

Telethon to raise funds for Samoa victims

This Saturday, Oct 24, 2009, from 6am-6pm, the Samoan Association of Saipan will host a telethon at the Garapan Fishing Base and will be taking calls for monetary donations/contributions. The group is kindly asking the community for their support and a dollar from everyone on the island can do a lot. To make a donation now, call 286-3311.

There will be 20 acts performing on Saturday for the telethon, there will also be some vendors selling food for the Samoan Relief fund. The

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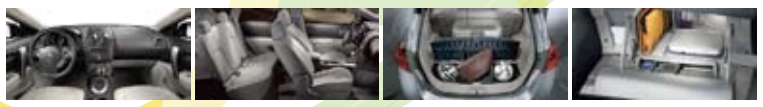

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group is also accepting clothing donations. ***(PR)***

Democrats to hold party rally

The Democratic Party of the Northern Mariana Islands will be holding a party rally on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, at the public pavilion on Alageta Road in Kagman II. The event will run from 12pm to 2pm. The entire island community is invited to come and meet and greet the Democratic Party candidates for the 2009 elections. Meet the Saipan mayoral candidate Angelo O'Conner Villagomez; Saipan Senate candidate Justo Songao Quitugua; and Precinct 5 candidates Jesse Jones Torres and Willie Brundidge Jr. There will be food and drinks available for all to enjoy. Here is your chance to be candid and frank with the Democratic Party candidates. You will have the opportunity to speak directly with the candidates so come over to this important event and show your support for the new Democratic Party. ***(PR)***

SDA dental clinic offers free exams

October is National Dental Hygiene Month and the Seventh-day Adventist Clinic will celebrate the month by offering free dental exams to everyone on Saipan. If you have not had a complete dental exam for the past six months, it's time to come in. There are three full-time doctors at the Saipan SDA Clinic. In addition, the SDA Dental Clinic offers emergency treatment during non-office hours. Call 234-6323 or visit the Seventh-day Adventist Clinic for a free dental exam today. ***(PR)***

'Thursdays with Tina' next week

"Thursdays with Tina" will take place next week at Pakpak Beach in San Antonio on Oct. 29 at 6pm, followed by Nov. 5 at Tanapag Beach.

This is a series of weekly community gatherings where independent senatorial candidate Christina-Marie "Tina" Sablan will present her platform, answer questions, and listen to concerns. All are welcome!

For more information, contact Sablan at 285-3935, email tinasablan@gmail.com , or visit www.tinasablan.com. ***(PR)***

Chamber sets gubernatorial debate

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will host a Gubernatorial Debate next week, Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009, at Fiesta Resort (Hibiscus Hall) starting at 6:30pm. Doors will close promptly at 6:30pm. Tickets cost $15 before the event and $20 at the door. All four gubernatorial candidates are expected to participate. For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 233-7150. ***(PR)***

Bridge Capital donates $5K for Club 200 event

Bridge Capital, LLC has donated $5,000 to the American Red Cross NMI Chapter in support of the Club 200 event to be held on Oct. 24, 2009, at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Company officials led by Richard A. Pipes, vice president and chief legal officer, and Lily Nguyen, company spokesperson and assistant to chair John K. Baldwin, turned over the check to Red Cross executive director John Hirshand and NMI Chapter members Viola Sablan, JD Tenorio, JD Guerrero and Candice Dunston at the Bridge Capital office in Puerto Rico yesterday morning.

"Not everyone realizes that the Red Cross does work outside of emergency response. The organization has a humanitarian mission to help the community which reflects a core mission of Bridge Capital," said Nguyen.

Bridge Capital, LLC is an international investment banking and real estate development company headquartered in the CNMI. It is an active community supporter, donating to schools and local community organizations. Since June this year, the company has donated nearly $25,000 to the community. ***(PR)***

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Bridge Capital, LLC vice president and chief legal officer Richard A. Pipes, center, turns over a giant check for $5,000 to American Red Cross officers and members during a turnover ceremony yesterday at the company's headquarters in Puerto Rico, Saipan.

CHIEF TAGA DONOR

Bank of Guam has again provided support to the American Red Cross at the highest level, with a sponsorship of $10,000. "Bank of Guam fully understands the mission of the Red Cross here in the CNMI and has consistently supported the NMI Chapter through generous financial support," said Red Cross Board member Viola Sablan. "Whether it's our annual Walkathon, Club 200 or other Chapter work, we can always count on the generous contributions of Bank of Guam and its entire staff." In picture, from left, are Viola Sablan, John Hirsh, John D. Guerrero, Marcie Tomokane, Juan Diego Tenorio, Candice Dunston, and Larry Phillips.

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Mendiola: Local bill does not mandate $1M loan

Tinian Legislative Delegation chair Sen. Joseph Mendiola said yesterday that Tinian Local Bill 16-03 does not mandate a loan of $1 million for the municipal government—it merely provides a mechanism to enhance solutions for its obligations.

CSI TRAINING CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Guam Crime Stoppers and CNMI Crime Stoppers sent delegates to the 30th Crime Stoppers International Training Conference, held Oct. 11 to 14 at the Conrad Jupiters Hotel in Gold Coast, Australia. At the conference were, from left, Peter Price, chairman of Crime Stoppers Australia; Guam Police Chief Paul R. Suba; Gary Murphy, president of Crime Stoppers International; Stephen V. Nygard, chairman of Guam Crime Stoppers; and James T. Arenovski, chairman of CNMI Crime Stoppers. The training conference was attended by 326 delegates from 23 countries.

Mendiola also slammed fellow senator Jude Hofschneider for making "innuendos and unfounded" allegations relating to the legislation.

He asked Hofschneider to set aside political differences over issues that affect residents of the islands.

"Whatever differences you and your political cronies have with the mayor it should not be used, must not and ought not, to impede the long overdue entitlements of our more than 170 employees on Tinian who have been patiently waiting for us to address their salary adjustment," Mendiola told Hofschneider in a letter yesterday.

Mendiola said he is puzzled by Hofschneider's sudden change of opinion because not more than 10 months ago, Hofschneider supported a loan for more than $3.4 million under the same concept and did not insist on a public hearing.

"For you to question my leadership for allowing TLB 16-03 to pass with a limit of $1 million now is inconceivable considering your vehement support of the more than $3.4 million loan previously proposed," he said.

He reminded the lawmaker that fault must not only be thrown at the mayor but on Hofschneider too.

"The utmost priority now as an elected official is to provide solutions and alternatives to resolve issues facing our present predicament with the budget act…the meager financial assistance to our children in college and the satisfaction of our long overdue obligation on the expenses of the 60th WWII anniversary celebration from the previous administration. TLB 16-03 will address this," he said.

Mendiola said that, with or without Hofschneider, the bill will be signed into law. ***(Moneth Deposa)***

SHRM to host half-day event

The Society for Human Resource Management will be hosting a half-day event with various presenters to speak about essential topics that affect employers and employees in the workplace.

■ "Increasing Employee Productivity" presented by the members of the Commonwealth Diabetes Coalition;

■ "CNMI Smoke-Free Air Act (Public Law 16-46): Employers and Employees Responsibility," presented by the Community Guidance Center Prevention Office and the CNMI Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition; and

■ "Domestic Violence: It Is Your Business" presented by the Northern Marianas Coalition for Domestic Violence Awareness.

■ "Cost of Staying Healthy and Not Healthy"

■ "Where is the CNMI Workforce Now"

■ "Innovative Ways to Stay Healthy in the Workplace"

■ "What Wellness Activities are Offered in the CNMI"

The meeting will be held at the Giovanni's, Hyatt Regency Saipan on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009. Doors open at 8:15am for registration. Cost for members is $35 and $45 for non-SHRM members (government purchase orders accepted). Cost includes morning refreshments, lunch and presentation materials. Reservations are requested.

For reservations, call Marlene C. Cruz at marleneccruz@hotmail.com, Denise Montenegro at the HR Office at the Hyatt Regency, 234-1234 or via email at dmontegnegro@hyattsaipan.com or Frannie T. Salas via email at francestsalas@gmail.com. ***(SHRM)***

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AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting:
  1. June 4, 2009

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. LEGAL MATTERS
- A. Report of the Legal Counsels
  1. Report of the Board Counsel
     - a) Lawsuit
       - i) Report of the Post Judgment Negotiation Panel
       - ii) Post Judgment Review Hearing Matters
  2. Administrator's Settlement Authority 09-0022 (12/7/09)

IV. OLD BUSINESS
- A. MPLT v. Ogo (WCC Judicial Foreclosure Notice of Claim/Costs)

V. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Ad Hoc Committee – Selection of Administrative Hearing Officer per RFP

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. MISCELLANEOUS
- A. Announcements
- B. Next Meeting
- C. Adjournment

/s/ **SIXTO K. IGISOMAR**
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National Principals Month

The **CNMI Public School Systems'** family together with our **Students**, the **State Board of Education**, and the **Commissioner of Education** would like to take the time to ***thank*** all of our school **Principals** and **Vice Principals** for their hardwork, dedication, and services throughout the years!

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Business

Treasury to order bailed-out firms to slash pay

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Treasury Department is expected in the next few days to order companies that received huge government bailouts last year to slash the base salaries of their top executives by an average of 90 percent and cut their total compensation in half, according to a person familiar with the matter.

The cuts apply to the 25 highest paid executives at the seven companies that received the most assistance, the person said Wednesday, speaking on condition of anonymity because the decision has not been announced. Smaller companies and those that have repaid the bailout money, including Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and JPMorgan Chase & Co., are not affected.

Kenneth Feinberg, the special master at Treasury appointed to handle compensation issues as part of the government's $700 billion financial bailout package, is making the pay decisions.

The seven companies are Bank of America Corp., American International Group Inc., Citigroup Inc., General Motors, GMAC, Chrysler and Chrysler Financial.

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Public Education on House Legislative Initiative 15-3

Question: Do you approve of House Legislative Initiative 15-3 to amend Article XV, Section 1(c) and (e) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to one member being a high school student – one member selected by the teachers within the Public School System – the selection process of a public school teacher representative shall be established by law – the elected board members shall be limited to two terms – and the public elementary and secondary education system shall be guaranteed an annual budget of not less than 15 percent of the general revenues of the Commonwealth through an annual appropriation? Yes or No?

General Summary: If approved this initiative will reformat the board of education. Currently, the board of education is composed of five elected members that may serve unlimited terms and three non-voting members appointed by the Governor. The three non-voting members are: (1) a public school student; (2) a representative of the nonpublic schools; (3) and a member to be selected by an exclusive bargaining representative of the teachers within the Department of Education Public School System. If this initiative is approved, then the five elected members will be limited to serving two terms. The non-voting public school student will be required to be a high school student. Lastly, Department of Education Public School System representative will be required to be a teacher. The selection process of the public school teacher will be established by law. As well, this initiative guarantees that the public elementary and secondary schools will receive an annual appropriation of 15 percent of the Commonwealth's general revenue.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

With Windows 7 and new designs, PCs looking better

REDMOND, Wash. (AP)—Although no one waits in long lines for a new edition of Windows anymore, the debut of Microsoft's latest software that runs PCs is part of why buying a computer is starting to feel fun for the first time in years. Windows 7 is expected to work better than its predecessor, Vista. At the same time, Microsoft's marketing has gotten savvier and PC makers have followed Apple Inc.'s lead by improving hardware design. Computers with the Windows operating system suddenly seem a lot less utilitarian. "If you line up the six or seven most interesting PC designs, people will say, `Wow. I didn't know all of that could be done with a PC,'" Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer said in an interview.

Credit Suisse has $2.4 billion gain in 3Q

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP)—Credit Suisse Group reported a 2.4 billion Swiss franc ($2.4 billion) net income during the third quarter Thursday as it continued strengthening its position following losses caused by the economic crisis. The profit exceeds analysts' predictions and compares with a 1.26 billion franc ($1.08 billion) loss during the same period a year ago. The bank said its return on equity attributable to shareholders was 25.1 percent in the quarter and that it attracted total net new assets of 16.7 billion francs in the period.

Nation

Mass man accused of plot to kill US politicians

BOSTON (AP)—A Massachusetts man and two friends tried and failed to get into terrorist training camps and then plotted to kill two prominent U.S. politicians and randomly shoot people at American shopping malls, authorities said Wednesday.

Tarek Mehanna, who recently taught at a Muslim school in Worcester, was arrested early Wednesday at his parents' suburban Boston home. Mehanna was charged with conspiring with two other men—an American now in Syria and another man who is cooperating with authorities—to provide support to terrorists.

Ultimately, the trio never came close to pulling off an attack. Authorities say they never got the terrorist training they sought—that the men told friends they were turned down because of their nationality, ethnicity or inexperience, or that the people they'd hoped would get them into such camps were either in jail or on a religious pilgrimage.

The men abandoned the mall attack plans after their weapons contact said he could find only handguns, not automatic weapons.

The men used code words such as "peanut butter and jelly" for fighting in Somalia and "culinary school" for terrorist camps, and talked extensively of their desire to "die on the battlefield," according to court documents.

Mehanna, who has taught math and religion at Alhuda Academy, made a defiant court appearance hours after his arrest. He refused to stand to hear the charge against him and finally did—tossing his chair loudly to the floor—only after his father urged him to do so.

"This really, really is a show," his father, Ahmed Mehanna, said as his son was being led away in handcuffs. When asked if he believed the charges against his son, he said, "No, definitely not."

Prosecutors said Mehanna worked with two men from 2001 to May 2008 on the conspiracy that, over time, intended to "kill, kidnap, maim or injure" soldiers and two politicians who were members of the executive branch but are no longer in office. Authorities refused to identify the politicians and said they were never in danger.

Acting U.S. Attorney Michael Loucks said the men justified the planned attacks on malls because U.S. civilians pay taxes to support the U.S. government and because they are "nonbelievers," Loucks said. He refused to identify the targeted malls.

Mehanna—who received a doctorate in 2008 from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston, where his father is a professor—allegedly conspired with Ahmad Abousamra, who authorities say is now in Syria.

Mehanna, 27, is being held without bail until his next court appearance on Oct. 30.

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Edukasion Pupbliku ni House Legislative Initiative 15-3

Kuestion: Kåo un apreba i House Legislative Initiative 15-3 para u amenda i Attikulu XV, Seksiona 1(c) yan (e) gi Konstitusion gi Sangkattan na Islan Marianas siha na para un miembro ni estudiånten high school-unu na miembro u ma'ilihi ni representånten ma'estron eskuela gi halom i Sistmen Eskuelan Pupbliku-i macho'guen sileksion gi representånten ma'estro gi eskuelan pupbliku debi na u ma'estapblisa ginen i lai- i ma'ilihi na kuetpon miembro siha debi na u mamidi asta i dos na tema siha-yan i elementårio yan i Segundo na sisteman edukasion pupbliku debi na u magarentia gi salåppe gi sakkan ti u menus ki kinse put siento gi general revenues gi Commonwealth ginen i apropiasion kada såkkan?
Hunggan pat Åhe'?

Sumårian Heneråt: Yanggen ma'apreba este na initiative para u mata'lon mafotma i kuetpon edukasion. Gi presente, i kuetpon edukasion ha na'guah manma'ilihi na miembro siha ni siña masetbe i taimidida na tema siha yan tres na non-voting na miembro siha ni manma'apunta ginen i Gobietno. I tres na non-voting na miembro siha man: (1) i eskuelånten eskuelan pupbliku; (2) i representånte ginen i ti eskuelan pupbliku siha.; (3) yan i miembro ni para u ayek ginen i bargaining representative na ma'estro siha gi halom i Dipattamenton Edukasion Sisteman Eskuelan Pupbliku. Yanggen ma'apreba, pues singko ni manma'ilihi na miembro siha para u mamidi i teman setbision-ñiha asta i dos tema siha. I non-voting na estudiånten eskuelan pupbliku u madimånda para estudiånten high school. Pot uttimo, i Dipattamenton Edukasion Sisteman Eskuelan Pupbliku na representånte para dimånda na para ma'estro. I macho'gue na sileksion gi ma'estron eskuelan pupbliku para u ma'estapblesi ginen i lain. Tåt komu, este na initiative magarentia na i elemenårio yan i segundo na eskuela siha para u marisibi i apropositu kinse(15%) pot siento gi sakkan gi apas kontribusion heneråt i Commonwealth.

ACROSS THE NATION

Dems go after antitrust exemption for insurers

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democrats launched a drive at both ends of the Capitol on Wednesday to strip the insurance industry of its decades-old exemption from federal antitrust laws, part of an increasingly bare-knuckled struggle over landmark health care legislation sought by President Barack Obama. If enacted, the change would put an end to "price-fixing, bid-rigging and market allocation in the health and medical malpractice" insurance areas, said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Leahy said he would seek a vote on the plan when the Senate debates health care legislation in the next few weeks. Leahy made his comments at virtually the same time the House Judiciary Committee voted 20-9 to end an industry exemption that dates to 1945. Three Republicans supported the move.

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Ammatafal Toulap reel House Legislative Initative 15-3

Ayegh: U tipeli bwe House Legislative Initiative 15-13 ebwe siweli Article XV. Tálil (c) me (e) mereel Allégh Lapalap ye Téél falúw kka Efáng Marianas bwe ebwe escháy atel gakko ebwe membro mereel high school – escháy rebwe fili mereer mesteru kkaal mellól Public School System-aweewel ffilil mesteru ebwe mwir sángi allégh-bwotaal membrool board kkaal ebwe fischelitiw llól two terms schagh-me public elementary me secondary education system ebwe garantia ngáli annual budget nge essóbw ghitighit sángi seigh me limwoow percent mereel general revenues ye Commonwealth mellól annual appopriation ? Awar me ngáre saabw.

Aweewe: Ngáre re aprebai initiative yeel, ebwe siwelilo Board of Education. Ighila, nge Board of Education nge eyoor limmal membro kka re bwotaar ikka e serve unlimited terms me élescháy non voting members kka sów Lemelem e filiir. Membro kka non-voting nge: (1) atel gakko mellól public school; (2) representative mereel non-public school; (3) me membro ye re fili mereer mesteru mellól Bwuasiyool Education Public School System. Ngáre re aprebai initative yeel iwe schóókka limmal ikka re bwotaar rebwe fischelitiw tempoor llól two terms schagh. Non-voting kka atel gakko rebwe tingór (require) bwe high school student. Arorosol, representative mellól Bwulasiyool Public School System ebwe mesteru. Tappal ffil ye Public School System reer mesteru ebwe mwir sángi allégh. Me bwá initiative yeel e garantia bwe public elementary me secondary gakko ebwe bwughi 15% mellol annual appropriation mereel Commonwealth's general revenue.

Production of swine flu vaccine is way behind

SWIFTWATER, Pa. (AP)—The federal government originally promised 120 million doses of swine flu vaccine by now. Only 13 million have come through. As nervous Americans clamor for the vaccine, production is running several weeks behind schedule, and health officials blame the pressure on pharmaceutical companies to crank it out along with the ordinary flu vaccine, and a slow and antiquated process that relies on millions of chicken eggs. There have been other bottlenecks, too: Factories that put the precious liquid into syringes have become backed up. And the government itself ran into a delay in developing the tests required to assess each batch before it is cleared for use.

'Balloon boy' parents heard crying in 911 call

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP)—Police have released a 911 call they received from a Colorado couple who told authorities they believed their 6-year-old son had floated away in a giant helium balloon. The audio released Wednesday is of Richard and Mayumi Heene (HEE-nee) talking to a police dispatcher before being transferred to a Larimer County dispatcher. Audio from that call was released last week. A breathless Richard Heene says he called the Federal Aviation Administration and then 911, saying his son got inside the experimental craft before it took off. A dispatcher asks to talk to his wife, who says her other son thought he saw his brother inside. She can be heard crying. The boy was later found at the family's Fort Collins home.

Woman in W.Va. torture case now says she lied

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—An attorney for a black woman who claimed torture by a white group in West Virginia says his client fabricated the story to get back at a boyfriend who had beaten her up. Megan Williams' attorney, Byron Potts, said at a news conference Wednesday that Williams came forward because she no longer wants to live a lie. Potts encouraged West Virginia authorities to re-evaluate the case.

Cops searching for missing Fla. girl find a body

ORANGE PARK, Fla. (AP)—Authorities searching for a missing 7-year-old north Florida girl said they found the body of a young child in a Georgia landfill Wednesday, but it has not yet been identified. Clay County, Fla., Sheriff Rick Beseler first said the body was a female, but then corrected himself and said he couldn't yet confirm the gender. The parents of Somer Thompson, who has been missing since Monday, have been notified.

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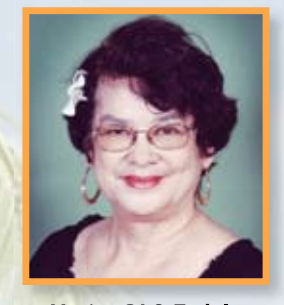

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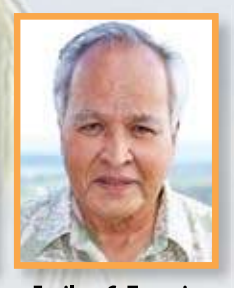

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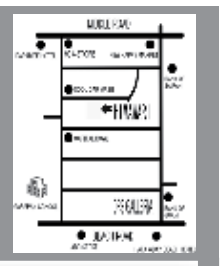

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Pork Chops	$13.95
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Beef Backribs	$8.95
Beef Shortribs	$15.95
Stewing Chicken	$5.95
Quarter Leg s	$5.95

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Hoffy Portuguese Sausage — SALE $1.99/pkg.
Hoffy Sausage — SALE $6.99/pkg.
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Guaha priniponen atkilon tanu publiku giya Chalan Kanoa Tanu Numeru 014 H 01, poku mas o`menos Kiñientus Ochentai Ochu (588) metru kuatdrao.

Maseha haye libre muna` halom opiñion pot este na priniponen usun tanu publiku. Siña muna` halom hau sentimientu guato gi kabesanten tanu publiku gi maseha manu na offisinan tanu entre Luta, Tinian yan Saipan. Uttimu haane pot nina` halom opiñion i Nobembre dia 2, 2009.

I para u inatkila este na lugat i kompanian Mike's Manufacturing, Inc., kompania guine giya Marianas. I umiluluye este na kuetpon kompania i sigiente siha: Ji Young Shin, Eun Hie Shin, yan Bo Ok Shin. I offisiat siha: Eun Hie Shin, presidente; So Young Shin-Thouvenin, segundu presidente; Bo Ok Shin, sekretariu/tresurariu.

I man-atkikila para u usa i lugat para sagan kareta yan lokue sumasaonao ayo na fasilidat i humahatme gi tanu publiku. Este na atkilon si Señor Chang Wang Jang i munigosiu yan sumera i kontrata.

I tetminon este na kontrata para bente siñku años (25 years) ya libre lokue i umatkikila umekstende para talu kinse años (15 years) na tiempu.

I atkilon gaige gi monhayan na ripot mafananaan "appraisal", (ininan yan inestudian kuantu baliña i tanu publiku) ni para uma-atkila. I depattamienton tanu taya ha resibi otro propositu pot uson este na tanu publiku. I kopian i maproponen kontråtan atkilon siña machule' gi ofisinan Dipattamenton Tano' Pupbliku Siha, gaige gi sigundo(2nd) bibienda gi as Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan; i sigundo(2nd) bibienda gi Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Luta; pat i primet(1st) pisu gi Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

I Dipattamenton Tano' Pupbliku siha ha risibi tåya' na tinahguen propositu siha para i atkilon suheton tåno' pupbliku giya Chalan Kanoa, Saipan.

ARONG REEL POMWOL AKKILONUL FALAWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil ye 106 (b) mellól Alléghúl Toulap ye 15-2, Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falaweer Toulap ekke isisiwow ammataf igha ebwe akkilaaló eew falaweer toulap mellól Seipél, Commonwealth Téél Falúw Kka Efáng, Marianas.

Toulap kka eyoor mafiyeer reel pomwol akkiloon yeel rebwe afangalong me bwal sángi Alléghúl Toulap ye 15-2, arong yeel ebwe akkatéwow.

i. Pomwol akkilonul falaweer toulap ye ekke bwáári bwe Lot No. 014 H 01, ebwe yoor 588 sq meters, e lapeló ngáre e ghittiw, elo Elal Ghaloowa Seipél. Tilighiyal bwuley yeel elo Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falaweer toulap ngáre óubwe amweri.

ii. Schóóy Akkiloon nge Mike's Manufacturing, Inc. Corporationul CNMI. Board of Directors llól Corporation yeel nge Ji Young Shin, EUN Hie Shin me Bo Ok Shin.

Samwoolul Cooporation yeel nge Eun Hie Shin, Arúschayúl So Young Shin – Thouvenin. Secretary me Treasurer nge Bo Ok Shin.

iii. Pomwol akkiloon yeel nge sángi yaal aweewe Mr. Chang Whan Jang.

iv. Schóóy akkiloon ebwe yááyá bwuley reel parkingil ghareeta me encroaching building structure.

Tool pomwol akkiloon yeel nge 25 ráágh, me emmwel ebwe bwal sóbwusóbw ngáli 15 ráágh.

Pomwol akkiloonul llól ráágh nge ebwe mwir sángi llapal méél falúw (appraisal value) me bwal millikka e akkayú llól bwuley.

v. Pomwol Akkiloon yeel nge emmwel ebwe bweibwogh me Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falaweer Toulap, 2nd floor Joeten Dandan Commercial Bldg. Dandan, Seipél, 2nd floor Bank of Saipan Commercial Bldg, Luuta, me ngáre 1st floor Kings Commercial Bldg. Tchúlúyól.

vi. Ese yoor bwal eew pomwol akkiloon Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falaweer Toulap e Amwuschi bwe iye schagh elo Elal Ghaloowa,Seipél.

vii. Samwoolul Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falaweer Toulap ebwe bwughi aghiyágh, Mángemáng me aingiing mereer schóókka re tipeli wóól me ngáre mmwal Ariyamoy 2, 2009, mellól Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falaweer Toulap mewóól Seipél, Tchúlúyól me Luuta.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public lands in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot No. 014 H 01, containing an area of approximately 588 square meters, more or less, situated in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Mike's Manufacturing, Inc., a CNMI Corporation. The Board of Directors of the Corporation are Ji Young Shin, Eun Hie Shin, and Bo Ok Shin.

The President of the Corporation is Eun Hie Shin. The Vice President is So Young Shin-Thouvenin. The Secretary and Treasurer is Bo Ok Shin.

iii. The proposed lease was negotiated by Mr. Chang Whan Jang.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of maintaining vehicular parking space and an encroaching commercial building structure.

The term of the proposed lease agreement is 25 years, with an option to extend the lease for an additional 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property, including existing structure(s).

v. A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; the 2nd floor of the Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before November 2, 2009 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

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NMPASI SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT

The Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) is asking the general public for comments about its proposed Statement of Goals & Priorities for fiscal year 2010. The local non-profit organization is applying for grant funds from the U.S **Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)**/Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD), and the Human Resources Services Administration (HRSA), the **U.S. Department of Education (DOE)**/Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), and the **Social Security Administration (SSA)**. In general, NMPASI proposes through each of its respective applications to carry out the following:

STATEMENT OF GOALS AND PRIORITIES
(FY 2010)

"Attention to and Advancing Advocacy into the New Decade"

GOAL 1: To ensure that individuals with disabilities in institutional and/or community settings (1) are not subject to *abuse/neglect*, (2) are *free from discrimination*, (3) are *provided with an appropriate education*, (4) are provided *appropriate health care services*, and (5) are provided with opportunities to make *informed decisions about their lives as independent, contributing members of the community*.

Priority 1.1: In fiscal year 2010, NMPASI personnel will provide direct representation for program eligible persons with disabilities by conducting intervention strategies of reported cases of abuse and/or neglect to include, but not be limited to, short-term assistance, investigations, technical assistance, administrative remedies, negotiation /mediation, and/or legal remedies;

Priority 1.2: In fiscal year 2010, NMPASI personnel will *deliver and ensure protection and advocacy services to unserved and underserved* individuals with disabilities in the CNMI.

Priority 1.3: In fiscal year 2010, NMPASI personnel will conduct and/or facilitate trainings related to the needs and rights of individuals with disabilities, to people with disabilities, their families and/or other members of the community;

Priority 1.4: In fiscal year 2010, NMPASI personnel will disseminate information relating to the needs and rights of individuals with disabilities to the community at large via local media and/or other mediums for information dissemination;

Priority 1.5: In fiscal year 2010, NMPASI personnel will provide Information & Referral and/or Technical Assistance to interested individuals about issues relating to the needs and rights of individuals with disabilities in institutional and/or community settings; and

Priority 1.6: In fiscal year 2010, NMPASI personnel will receive training and education in order *to increase and improve the quality* of protection and advocacy services on behalf of individuals with disabilities in the CNMI.

For comments, please call the NMPASI office at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] or 235-7275 [fax] or 235-7278 [tty] or contact us via the internet at www.nmpasi.com

World

Ex-Philippine president announces election bid

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Ousted Philippines leader Joseph Estrada, convicted of plunder and later pardoned, publicly declared Wednesday his intention to run in next year's presidential elections despite legal challenges and immediate objections to the idea of his political comeback.

Estrada

The one-time action film star announced his plans before thousands of his mostly impoverished followers in the humid interior of Manila's Tondo slum district—the base of legions of his supporters who propelled him to movie stardom, then to political power.

"I accept the challenge to bring back hope to the people," Estrada said.

"This is the last performance of my life, and I won't fail you," he said amid drumbeats and applause. Fireworks lit the night sky.

Estrada railed at the poverty that afflicts a third of the Philippines' 90 million people as well as government corruption, crime and untamed Muslim rebellion in the country's south. He introduced his vice presidential candidate, popular Makati city Mayor Jejomar Binay.

"We support Erap because he's the real hero of the masses," said Jesus Bautista, a jobless man who used Estrada's nickname, which means "buddy" in Filipino. "All the allegations against him are government lies."

A return to politics would mark a new episode in Estrada's checkered life, which many say has been as colorful as his B-movies.

The 72-year-old stepped down amid massive anti-corruption protests in 2001 after serving only half of his six-year term. He was convicted of economic plunder in September 2007 but was immediately granted a pardon by his successor and political nemesis, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

Rivals are expected to challenge his candidacy before the Supreme Court and invoke a constitutional ban on a second term for any president.

Estrada said a study by his legal team indicated he was not covered by the ban because he was illegally forced from power. Arroyo, who was elected vice president separately, helped lead the military-backed protests, then succeeded him.

"I was demonized then unconstitutionally removed," Estrada told The Associated Press earlier Wednesday.

Alberto Lim of the Makati Business Club, a prestigious group of top business executives, said Estrada's poor record as president and his criminal conviction should be enough reasons for him not to run again.

WORLD BRIEFS

US signals Afghan coalition government is possible

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States built pressure on Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Wednesday, signaling that a troop increase could hinge on a successful runoff election and that the Obama administration would be receptive to a power-sharing deal between Karzai and his chief rival. A coalition government or other political arrangement that included Karzai's rival, former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah, could provide a critical internal check on Karzai, who is widely favored to win the presidential runoff set for Nov. 7. President Barack Obama and Sen. John Kerry, who pressed the administration's interests in weekend talks with Karzai in Kabul, both hinted Wednesday that pending deliberations on possible U.S. troop increases in Afghanistan could be affected by the Afghan leader's behavior.

Iran envoy backs uranium deal, but will Tehran?

VIENNA (AP)—A top Iranian negotiator praised a plan Wednesday that would ship most of his country's uranium abroad for enrichment and limit its ability to build a nuclear weapon. There was no guarantee, however, that Tehran's leaders would accept the idea. In seven years of back-and-forth diplomatic wrangling, Iran has appeared to accept previous proposals meant to ease fears it might be seeking weapons capability—only to later reject those same proposals. The West says that has given the country time to build its civilian nuclear program and its capacity to generate fissile warhead material. At the end of three days of talks, International Atomic Energy Agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei said representatives of Iran and its three interlocutors—the U.S., Russia and France—had accepted his draft agreement for forwarding to their capitals.

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NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

William S. Pangelinan and Diana C. Pangelinan (collectively "Trustor"), on or about February 25, 1985, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on February 27, 1985 under Document No. 85-0479 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 005 I 124, containing an area of 1,092 square meters, more or less, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 02, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 16707 on March 11, 1983, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on June 12, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on October 30, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$36,730.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 29, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 29, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2009.

/S/JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

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Off the Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Dancer's gyrations on Kentucky bridge create stir

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Jeremy Johnson said he was dancing on the top rail of a bridge in Hopkinsville, but drivers below thought he was going to jump and called police. Johnson's job is to advertise Quiznos by dancing on the roadside near the Pennyrile Parkway while holding a sign for the sub shop. The Kentucky New Era quoted Johnson saying he was taking a break Saturday and was rolling a cigarette when drivers honked and waved at him. Johnson said he lighted his cigarette and started dancing on the rail in response. Quiznos manager Rebecca Weaber said Johnson was doing his job and is still employed.

Ohio football mom blasts school with sign in yard

BERLIN HEIGHTS, Ohio (AP)—An Ohio mother who says her son got a raw deal from his middle school's football program has put her feelings on a marquee-style sign in her yard. Amy Ortner's bright yellow sign in Berlin Heights in northern Ohio has letters about six inches tall and the message, "Berlin football—Shame shame—We don't play those kind of games!" Ortner said after her son, Keegan, trained with the team for weeks and paid $70 for a physical and cleats, she was told the student handbook said his grades weren't good enough to play. Ortner said the school won't pay back the $70. A school board member and a local business owner have offered her the money to take down the sign, but Ortner claims they're more interested in appearances than in justice for her son.

Gunman prays with clerk before finishing robbery

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Police say an armed robber spent nearly 10 minutes on his knees praying with a clerk at an Indianapolis check-cashing business before fleeing with $20 from the register. Security video from the Advance America branch clearly showed the man's face during the stickup Monday, and a 23-year-old surrendered Tuesday on a preliminary charge of robbery. Police say the robbery took an unusual turn after the gunman came around the counter when the clerk starting crying and talking about God. The man said he had a 2-year-old child to support and asked for prayers about overcoming his hardships. Police say the man removed the bullet from his gun and gave it to the clerk before taking her cell phone and the money.

9 lives per gallon? Cat stuck in SUV engine is OK

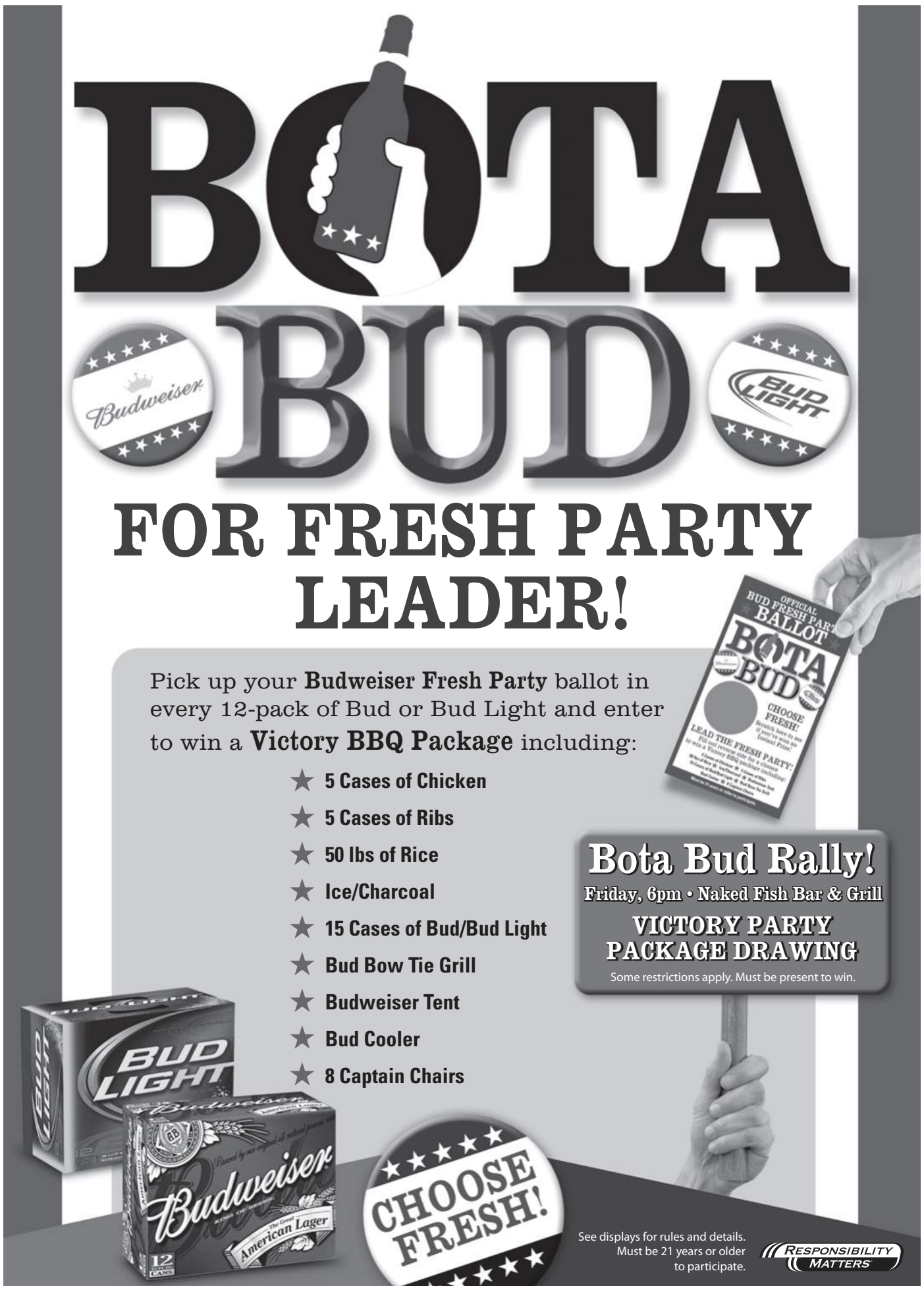
NEW YORK (AP)—A cat who rode two miles through New York City while stuck in the engine compartment of an SUV has lived to meow about it. Wilfred Rodriguez heard rattling while he was driving Monday in the Bronx. After he parked, he spotted a bushy tail and a paw sticking out of the SUV's front end. His initial reaction: "Oh my God! I killed a cat." He was relieved when the paw moved. Detectives with the New York Police Department's Emergency Service Unit freed the grease-covered kitty by removing the SUV's battery and other vehicle parts. Richard Gentles of New York City Animal Care & Control says the tan-and-white stray appears to be in good physical shape.

Cops lose 2-gram bag of cocaine used to train dogs

NAPLES, Fla. (AP)—Police in Naples are on the lookout for cocaine. Somehow, they lost their stash. A 2-gram packet was discovered missing this summer from a narcotics kit used in training. Two officers lost it in April, but they're unsure where. It could've been the police parking lot or an airport rental car, but the likely spot was a hotel. The veteran pair checked out the kit to train their police dogs, but the one who usually handles the drugs was called to a scene. By the time she returned, the dogs were energetic and destroying the room. The officers said they were focusing more on straightening up the hotel room than collecting the drugs, so the bag probably got left. They weren't reprimanded—supervisors say it was an honest mistake.

Cops: Man grabs football, bites neighbor on mouth

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP)—Police say a Detroit-area man bit through a neighbor's lips after he picked up a football that accidentally had been tossed onto his lawn by some teenagers. The man was accused of confiscating the football Sunday evening and refusing to return it until a 28-year-old parent walked up to him and asked for the ball. Clinton Township Detective Capt. Richard Maierle said the suspect attacked the man, and "the bite went nearly all the way through his mouth." The man, 44, was arraigned Monday on a charge of assault with intent to maim. That's a 10-year felony. He was being held in the Macomb County jail. Maierle told The Macomb Daily of Mount Clemens the victim was taken to a hospital for treatment of deep lacerations on the upper and lower lips.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Request for Public Comments

Date: October 19, 2009

Contact: Representative Joseph C. Reyes
Telephone: (670) 664-8836
Facsimile: (670) 664-8838

The House Standing Committee on Commerce and Tourism would like to solicit comments from the general public on House Bill 16-276 "To Amend Title 4, Division 1, Chapter 5, of the Commonwealth Code to add a new section 1510 to establish operating hours for poker establishments; and for other purposes". Copies of the legislation may be obtained from the following places:

1. Request to the Office of Representative Joseph C. Reyes
2. It may be viewed at www.camachocnmi.com under Legislative Bills, HB 16-276
3. Request for digital copy via email to rep.jcreyes@gmail.com

Members of the general public are encouraged to submit written testimony on or before November 6, 2009. To submit written testimony, please drop-off or fax to the Office of Representative Joseph C. Reyes (664-8838) or may be mailed to P.O. Box 500586 Saipan, MP 96950. You can also submit your digital copies to rep.jcreyes@gmail.com.

For additional information, you may contact the Office of Representative Joseph C. Reyes.

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Science & Technology

Microsoft's naming math: Vista plus 1 is 7

NEW YORK (AP)—Microsoft's new operating system launches Thursday, and you may be asking: How did we get to Windows 7? Did I miss 5 and 6?

No, you didn't. But Microsoft Corp.'s names for the successive versions of Windows have been more than a little confusing. It's easy to get the impression that with every new version of Windows, Microsoft wants us to forget that there was a previous one.

Long ago, we had Windows 1, 2 and 3. So far, so good. Then Microsoft started naming its consumer software after the year of release, like a car, and we got Windows 95. That was followed by 98, while professional users got 4.0. But Windows 2000 wasn't for consumers at all—the professional version was now named for its vintage as well. The new millennium raised an obstacle to the year-numbering scheme. Microsoft balked at naming its new system "01." Naming it "2001" wouldn't have worked either: imagine all the jokes about the homicidal computer in the movie "2001: A Space Odyssey." So the new Windows became "XP," a not entirely self-evident contraction of "experience."

There didn't seem to be any other two-letter combination handy to capture Microsoft's goals for the next Windows, so it became "Vista." A vista is what you might see out of a window, so that makes sense, right? Someone thought so. Vista bombed, prompting Microsoft to make another clean break—the third one—and give us Windows 7.

Microsoft's official rationale is that "7" is the seventh version of Windows. It gets there by counting up from Windows NT 4.0, skipping Windows 98 and counting both XP and 2000 as No. 5. Vista was No. 6.

Adding to the confusion, Steven Sinofsky, Microsoft's president of Windows, has a variant explanation, saying that Windows 95 was the fourth version of Windows. But Windows 7 is descended from NT 4.0, not Windows 95.

And to further complicate matters, Windows 7 is really Windows 6.1. That's what the operating system will tell software applications that are trying to check which version of Windows they are running on. Windows 7 will say it's 6.1 because it's really a small upgrade from Vista, and programs designed to run on Vista should run with no problems on 7.

"The decision to use the name Windows 7 is about simplicity," according to Mike Nash at the official Windows blog.

HELP FILE

By ROB PEGORARO
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Q: Whenever I turn off my three-year-old Gateway, it says it can't close "sprtcmd.exe." Is that an important program?

A: That cryptic file name means as little to me as it probably does to you, so I did what tech-support professional would in this case: I searched Google.

The first results suggested this was a Dell tech-support component, an unlikely item on a Gateway.

But the query this reader sent into my Web chat had also mentioned that he was in Seattle, which squared with different search results describing software Qwest installs for its digital-subscriber-line service. A file on that telecom firm's site explained that "sprtcmd.exe" checks online for updates to its customer-support software—something that a file name like "Qwest QuickCare updater" or even "qwestcareupdater.exe" would have made far more obvious.

In other words, if this thing hangs on shutdown, go ahead and click the "End Now" button. And pray that at some point, developers will graduate from the 8-character file names that Windows 95 supposedly made obsolete 14 years ago.

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Q: Any idea why the new iPod Nano's radio only receives FM, not AM? Some of the things I'd like to tune in only appear on AM, like ball games.

A: Two things make that a difficult trick to pull off: AM's sensitivity to interference (which you can hear when you drive under an overpass) and the size of the antenna it requires. The first problem is especially bad inside a device that's packed with different types of electronic circuitry, and the second is difficult to solve when the device is too small to hide the antenna on the inside.

One or two MP3 players have included AM tuners in the past, but I don't know of any on sale today.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO APPOINT GENERAL GUARDIANSHIP FOR FENG XUAN LIU, Minor Child, By: SARANDOS L. MARKOS, Petitoner.	FCD GU Civil Action No. 09-0592 NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for hearing on December 28, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Associate Judge Govendo.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2009.

/s/ Bernadita Sablan
Clerk of Court

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ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE CHANGE OF NAME OF HIJASMIN C. FRANCISCO aka MAXIMINA R. DIMAON, Petitioner	FCD NO. 09-0608 NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HIjasmin C. Francisco has filed with the Court her Petition for Change of Name. The hearing on the Petition is set for December 22, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Superior Court, Guma Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated: October 21, 2009
Mailman & Kara, LLC

/s/ MAYA B. KARA, F0169
Attorney for the Petitioner

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30 Day NOTICE

The Workforce Investment Agency under the Office of the Governor and in accordance with the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 at § 134 (d) (4) (G) (ii), and the regulations at § 663.430, provide that, under limited circumstances, contracts for training rather than ITA's (Individual Training Accounts) may be used. Contracts may be used when there is insufficient number of eligible providers in a local area. This exception applies primarily to rural areas. The Act reforms the local service delivery system by eliminating the current practice of assigning participants to contracted training services and instead establishing a system that maximizes customer choice in the selection of training providers.

With limited training providers in the CNMI, the CNMI Workforce Investment Agency is in the process of developing for incumbent workers Certified Billing and Coding Specialist (CBCS) training in the form of a contract for training instead of ITA's.

The Workforce Investment Agency under the Office of the Governor hereby publishes this NOTICE for 30 day public comment period for interested providers. Comments must be submitted in writing and addressed to Ms. Edith DeLeon Guerrero, WIA Executive Director at Gov't. Bldg. No. 1215, Capitol Hill, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or email at gov.wia@pticom.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
October 9, 2009

Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to that certain **Writ of Execution on Personal Property** by the **CNMI Superior Court in Civil Action No. 04-0588C**, the Commonwealth Development Authority ("CDA"), **together with assistance of the CNMI Department of Public Safety**, shall auction off to the highest bidder **assets of Westpac Freight including office furniture, equipments and various other items.**

An inventory listing may be obtained at CDA Office, Gualo Rai or on our website at www.cda.gov.mp, photos are available online.

The auction shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:
1. The items are being sold **"AS IS"** and **"WHERE IS"**;
2. The items are being sold **WITHOUT WARRANTY** of any type;
3. The public auction will be held at the **Westpac Freight Parking Lot, Lower Base, Saipan on Friday, October 30, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.**;
4. Terms of the sale are cash, certified check, or credit card (Visa & Mastercard); and
5. CDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw this notice and postpone the sale from time to time.

Full payment of the bid amount is required before the property can be removed from site. Payment must be received before end of business day, 4:30 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2009. Failure to make full payment will cause award to be null and void.

CDA is attempting to collect a debt and any payments received will be used for that purpose. Any interested party or person may contact Mr. Oscar C. Camacho, Loan Manager, CDA at 234-7145 for further information or to inspect the items. Failure to inspect the property will not constitute grounds for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer. All sales are final.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2009

Commonwealth Development Authority
/s/ Manuel A. Sablan
Executive Director

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1st AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Procurement and Installation of Standby Generator and Building
Port of Saipan
Project No. CPA-SS-002-09

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), through a grant from the Office of Homeland Security, is requesting for proposals for design/build services for procurement and installation of one (1) brand new generator with controls, housing and fuel tank to be situated at the Port of Saipan.
A detailed scope of work will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on Friday, September 11, 2009. All responses to this RFP shall also take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

The proposals shall include the following:

- Letter of Interest;
- Project timeframe;
- Available resources to accomplish project;
- Cost Proposal (in itemized scope of work format);
- Valid CNMI Business License; and
- Proof of insurance.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on ~~**Friday, September 25, 2009 at 3:00 pm**~~ at the Conference Room at the CPA Seaport Administrative Building. The project scope of work and location of the generator will be discussed. Attendance at this conference is mandatory for all companies interested in submitting proposals.

The contract period for design, installation and testing will be based on the contractor's proposal. However, liquidated damages of $500.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse.

All proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the respective RFP description to the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, October 30, 2009.**

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to cpa.admin@pticom.com no later than Oct. 19, 2009.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

/s/ EDWARD B. MENDIOLA
Acting Executive Director

Date: October 14, 2009

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
FOR
ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) TRAINING FACILITY
PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-012-09

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms for Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Design Services.

The general scope of work is for A/E design services for the renovation and expansion of the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training Facility at the Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

*Note: The selected consultant will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the Site Evaluation services for the ARFF Training Facility improvements being advertised concurrently.*

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification from firms should address the areas generally described below:

1. Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
2. A/E Design experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA);
3. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA and AIP grants;
4. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the firm's professional integrity and competence; and
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable.

Interested firms must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies each of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, October 30, 2009.**

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330. Only firms who have established an office in the Commonwealth and a valid business license will be considered.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:
Mr. Efrain F. Camacho, PE
Executive Director/Contracting Officer
Commonwealth Ports Authority
P.O. Box 501055
Saipan, MP 96950-1055

/s/ EFRAIN F. CAMACHO
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Date: September 18, 2009

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Second Floor, Afetña Square Building, San Antonio, P.O. Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950

PUBLIC NOTICE

OVERSTAYERS REPORT

Friday, October 16, 2009, first publication
Friday, October 23, 2009, second publication

Notice is hereby given that, according to the records maintained by the Commonwealth as of October 9, 2009, the following persons have overstayed the permission granted upon their entry to the Commonwealth for employment purposes. Persons in an overstayer status are required to depart the Commonwealth immediately. Persons who depart the Commonwealth voluntarily are eligible to return; those who are deported are not elegible to return.

Permissions granted upon entry may have been extended or the entry status may be changed under a number of different provisions of the Commonwealth law, but all extensions and changes must be documented and the applicable fees paid. If the necessary applications and supporting document have not been correctly completed, filed, or recorded, a name may appear in overstayer status although an extension may have been granted upon completion or recording of the necesscary documentation.

If your name is on the list set out below and you have or should have a current status allowing you to be in the Commonwealth, please report to Evelyn Sablan, Executive Secretary to the Director of Labor, second floor, Afetña Square Building, San Antonio, Saipan, no later than October 30, 2009, to correct the records.

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Life & Style

Q&A: Michael Buble talks new CD, love and religion

NEW YORK (AP)—Michael Buble recently received a cassette tape of his first performance ever, but it didn't bring back pleasant memories.

"I was absolutely terrible. I didn't know how to get in and out of the song," the 34-year-old said embarrassingly of a performance when he was 16. "At that point I didn't understand the form of a song. So wrong, so terrible."

But even though he went through an awkward stage as a performer, he was convinced that singing was in his future.

His faith paid off. His first three CDs have gone gold, platinum and triple-platinum, and his newest one, "Crazy Love," debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Top 200 albums chart last week.

Buble knows where he'd like the rest of his career to head.

"I've said it a million times: I would love very much to be known as one of the great entertainers. If that's me having a big ego, then sorry. I'm shooting for the stars and if I miss I'll hit the moon and that's pretty high," he said.

In a recent interview, Buble talked about his religion, the crazy things he's done for love and his new album, which finds the Canadian-born singer covering songs by Van Morrison, Ron Sexsmith and the Eagles.

The Associated Press: You're covering old school songs in this digital era of the music industry. How did technology play a role in the recording process?

Buble

Buble: ... I tried to make it very organic, to record off the floor, to mic it in a way you could really capture the essence of what I do live, the energy of what I do live. ... Of course we used machines and Pro Tools, and there were parts of it where I tuned my voice up and all that stuff. I mean, I'm going to take advantage as much as I can, of course, of technology as much as we could. (But) we tried to make this record feel good as opposed to sounding good, and for me, that's a huge step forward personally.

AP: Do you find covering songs easier or harder to do compared to creating your own music?

Buble: It's far more difficult for me to cover a song because you can compare that song with another 400, iconic artists who have recorded it. So it's my job to take it to a different place. And as an interpreter, I take it really seriously. When I'm remaking a song, I'm aware that I'm not here to sing the song better than Frank (Sinatra) or if I cover Van Morrison or I cover the Eagles, my job isn't to sing it better, my job is to make it my own.

AP: You mentioned that you used to sleep with your Bible every night, hoping to become a singer. Talk about that.

Buble: As I get older I have a different concept of what God is to me and—it's not that I'm into organized religion—the truth is that I don't know. I'm sorry if that offends people out there, but I'm just being honest, I don't know. So instead of making it about a certain God, I have a relationship with that one thing. The universe. God. You can call it Jesus, you can call it Jehovah. You can call it whatever you want. Buddha if you want. Whatever. When I was a kid I definitely put it out there to the universe and to my God and I prayed that it would happen and it's obvious that it worked.

AP: What's the message you're trying to send with the new CD?

Buble: I think the message is that all of us can relate to this feeling, this emotion called love and it's a complicated feeling. It doesn't just come with butterflies in the stomach and happiness and sunshine and lollipops, it comes with heartache and jealousy and sometimes rage and sometimes insecurity and sadness and regret. It's a beautiful, complicated, and really special feeling that keeps us all connected.

AP: What's the craziest thing you've done for love?

Buble: Killed a guy once. Kidding. I can't think of anything! The craziest thing I ever did? What hasn't been crazy that I've done for love? I've given up a lot and I've hurt myself over it more than I can even say. I guess that's crazy but for me you don't have much of a choice. It's worth it. It's worth it for the payback.

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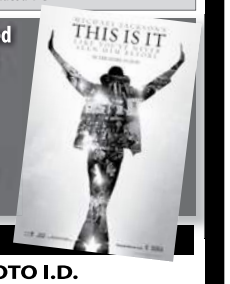

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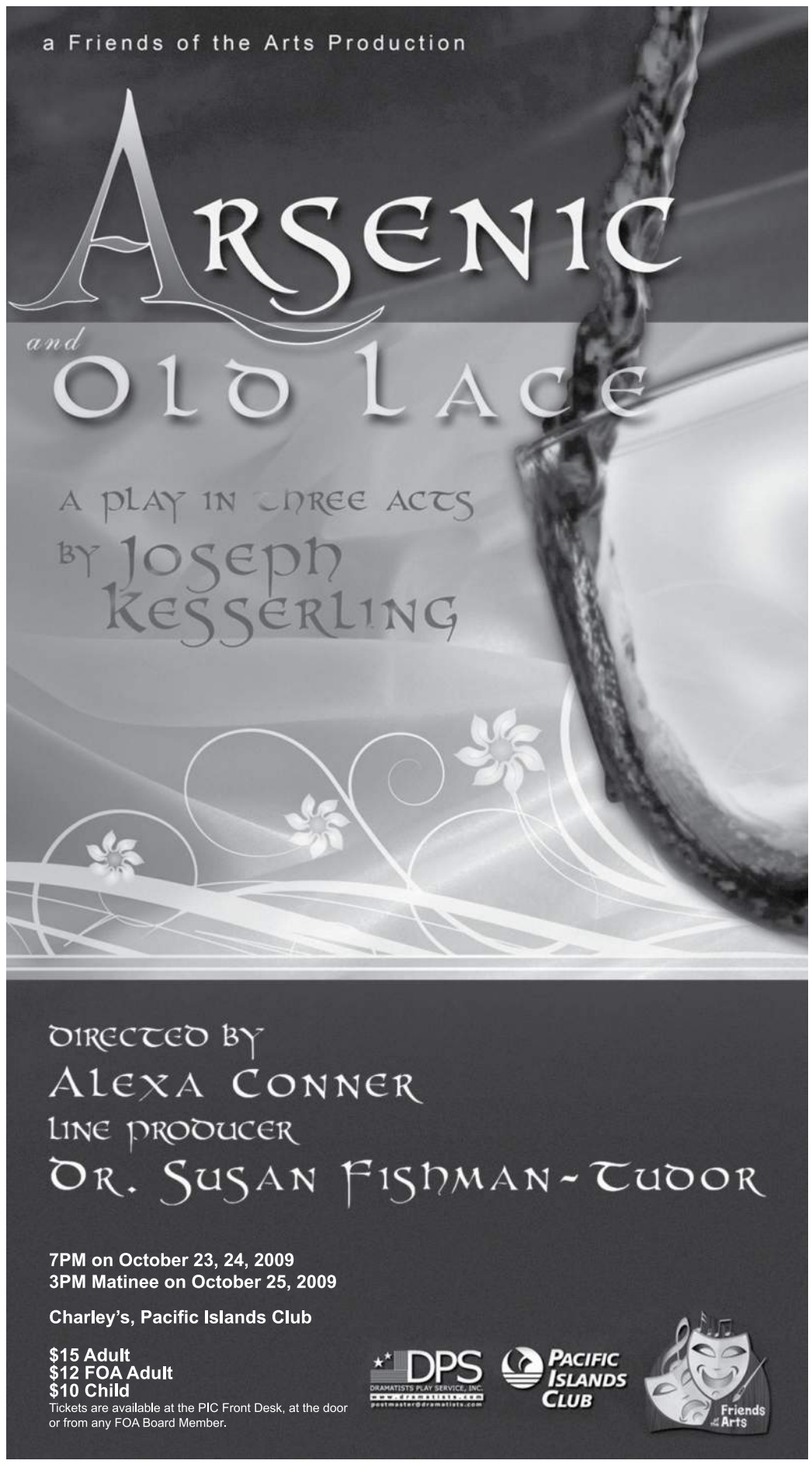
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

FELIPE Q. ATALIG, ESTATE OF PHYLLIS ATALIG LEUTA, RON B. ATALIG, and ERIC B. ATALIG,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 03-0639C

NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Felipe Q. Atalig, in the following described, real property situated in Garapan, Saipan CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 007 D 25, land situated in South Garapan, Saipan, CM, known as Lot No. 007 D 25, and containing an area of 702 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 007 D 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 653, on the 27th day of November 1970, including **Casa de Felipe** and all other improvements located therein;

and

Lot No. 007 D 26, land situated in South Garapan, Saipan, CM, known as Lot No. 007 D 26 (formerly known as Lot 6, Block 34), and containing an area of 702 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 007 D 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 653, on the 27th day of November 1970, including **Casa de Felipe** and all other improvements located thereon.

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 30, 2009**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before and specific property is struck off, without incurring and liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 2357147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auctions sale. All payments much be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change of changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Felipe Q. Atalig, individually and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio Atalig in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 6th day of October 2009.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

FELIPE Q. ATALIG, individually & dba CASA DE FELIPE and, ELVIRA CUSTODIO ATALIG,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 04-0242B

NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Felipe Q. Atalig, individually and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio Atalig in the following described, real property situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-2**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, Containing an area of 900 square meters, more of less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21796-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

and

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-3**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 900 square meters, more of less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21796-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

and

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-4**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 900 square meters, more of less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21796-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

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Dated this 6th day of October 2009.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

ANTONIO S. CAMACHO, ELPHIDIA MSP.CAMACHO, CNMI DIVISION OF REVENUE AND TAXATION ,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 04-0588C

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, having reschedule the earlier noticed auction, hereby give notice that all of the rights, title, and interest of the Defendants Antonio S. Camacho and Elphidia MSP. Camacho, jointly and severally, in the following described, leases of real property situated at the commercial port of Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

25 Year Ground Lease (File No. 88-348)
- dated November 25, 1986
- between Antonio Salas Camacho and the Commonwealth Ports Authority
- of the certain tract parcel of and situated at the Commercial Ports, designated as **Lot No. 032 E 03**, containing an area of 5,043 square meters, (54,264.176 square feet), including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The rescheduled auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 30, 2009, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Right and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale of before A bid for such property is accepted
   b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O.BOX 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax:234-7256.
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
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7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the lease, title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the Defendants Antonio S. Camacho and Elphidia MSP. Camacho in the lease and property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the lease or real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 6th day of October 2009.

/s/ SANTIAGO F. TUDELA, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

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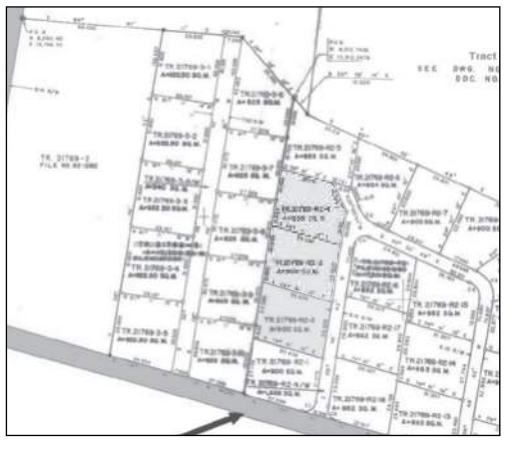

WESTPAC Lease & Improvements

Wife who slimmed down is pumping up her social life

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Laura," and I have been married 15 years. She recently had gastric bypass surgery and has lost 80 pounds so far.

The last time Laura was slim (about seven years ago), she had an affair with a co-worker and we nearly divorced. With her current weight loss, she is now going out with friends from work one night a week. This means that after all the activities we have scheduled for our kids, there is no night for us. I have had two weekends off in the last six weeks. During both of them Laura went to Las Vegas with her friends.

I'm pleased that my wife is happy with her looks, and I don't want to appear insecure, but I can't help but feel it's "deja vu all over again." When I ask where she's going, who she's going with and why now, she gets angry and says she won't put up with my "insecurities." We went to counseling after the affair, but Laura lied and denied she'd had one. I would really appreciate some advice.

YO-YO HUSBAND IN LONG BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR YO-YO HUSBAND: Your wife may think it's an invasion of her privacy to be asked where she's going, when she'll be back and who she's spending her time with— but that's the kind of accountability people sign up for when they have a spouse and children. Your insecurity is understandable in light of her past infidelity.

The fact that she'd rather go to Las Vegas for the weekend than spend some alone time with you sends a strong message. I think you already know your marriage is in trouble, so offer your wife the option of marriage counseling. If she refuses—which wouldn't surprise me—go without her. A licensed therapist will help you understand the dynamics of what's going on and help you reach some important conclusions about your future.

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DEAR ABBY: It's apparent that the art of saying "thank you" has gone by the wayside. I'm a widow with limited funds who likes to surprise relatives with nice gifts on special occasions. I sent a food gift to one of them as a housewarming present. Her mother wrote and thanked me, but added that it gave her a stomachache and she was sick for three days!

I shopped carefully for a niece who was starting kindergarten. I selected a sweet "girly" backpack in her favorite color with butterflies and a smattering of sparkles. Her mom responded that I should have bought a bigger one with a metal frame so she could also use it for family outings, the beach, the zoo, etc.—as if I knew which ones she liked THIS week.

I sent a classic silk blouse to a young woman who was starting her first office job. Her mother told me she would have preferred something more "youthful."

What is wrong with just saying "thank you"?

IRRITATED AUNT IN MIAMI

DEAR IRRITATED AUNT: Nothing is wrong with it; in fact, "thank you" is the appropriate and gracious response. But what these mothers are really telling you is that they never taught their daughters one of the important social graces—how to send a prompt and courteous acknowledgment for any gift they receive. They're also telling you that in the future, you should save your money.

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Kidman: Hollywood probably contributes to violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nicole Kidman tesified before a U.S. congressional panel on violence against women, conceding that Hollywood probably has contributed to the problem by portraying women as weak sex objects.

However, the Academy Award-winning actress said she is not interested those kinds of demeaning roles, adding that the movie industry also has made an effort to contribute to solutions for ending the violence.

Kidman testified Wednesday before a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee that is considering legislation to deal with violence against women overseas through humanitarian relief efforts and grants to local organizations working on the problem.

AP

Actress Nicole Kidman prepares to testify on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, before the House International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight subcommittee hearing on violence against women.

Asked by Republican Rep. Dana Rohrabacher whether the movie industry has "played a bad role," Kidman said "probably" but quickly added that she herself does not.

"I can't be responsible for all of Hollywood, but I can certainly be responsible for my own career," she said.

Kidman appeared before the committee in her role as a goodwill ambassador for the U.N. Development Fund for Women, known as UNIFEM, to promote the International Violence Against Women Act.

"In the real world, the laws go unenforced and impunity is the norm," she said.

The legislation has stalled in the past, but a sponsor, Democratic Rep. Bill Delahunt, said he and others plan to reintroduce it soon.

The Australian star told Congress that the U.N. women's fund needs more resources. "We need the money," she said.

Before the hearing began, a crowd of people lined the hall and around the corner to hear her speak.

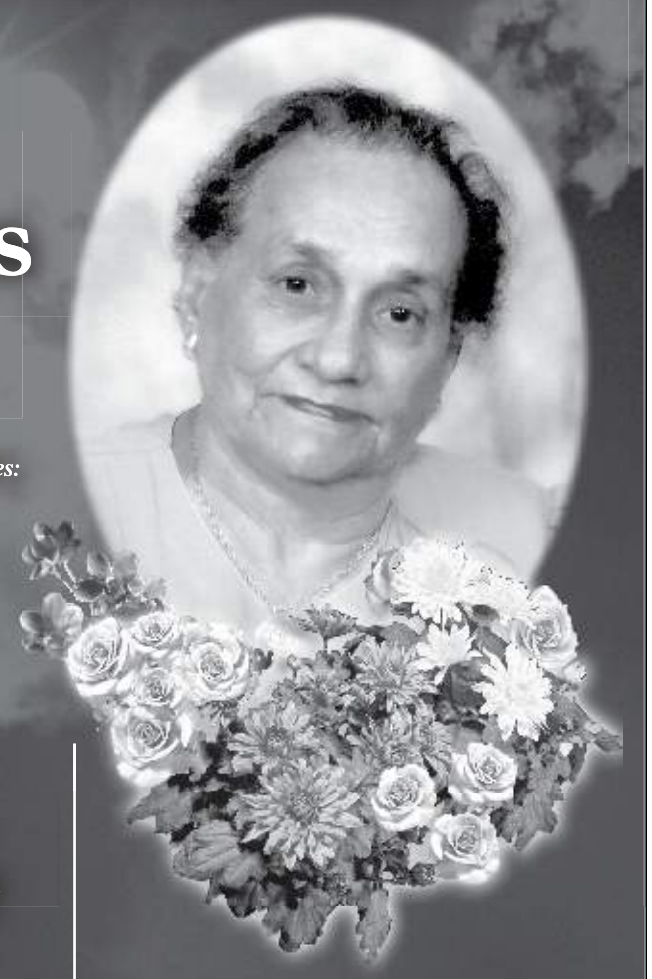
Death and Funeral Announcement

In celebration of her new life

Anunciacion Sablan Palacios

Lovingly known as "Uncha Neni"

DOB: March 20, 1923
DOD: October 16, 2009



Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her Children and Spouses:

Roman S. & Patricia T. Palacios & Family
Jesusa P. & Joaquin M. Iglecias & Family
George S. & Lydia R. Palacios & Family
Antonia P. & Jay J. Corral & Family
Darlene P. Macaranas & Family
David S. & Margarita M. Palacios & Family
Rita S. & Louie Dimla & Family
Anuncia S. & Adam Mazon & Daughter
Jesse S. & Mylyn Juni & Daughter

Brothers/Sisters & Spouses: **Tomasa C. & Leopoldo Naraja & Children**
Ana C. Toy & Son
Antonia C. & Fermin M. Sakisat & Children
Jesus D. & Victorina C. Sablan & Children

Brothers In-Law: **Francisco M. Palacios & Family**
Jose S. Pinaula & Family

Caretakers: **Elenita Banel**
Aurora Torres
Lina Marucot

Uncha Neni is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and relatives.

In her new life, she now joins:

Husband	+Jesus Muna Palacios
Mother	+Rita Sablan Camacho
Father	+Gregorio SN. Sablan
Step Father	+Jesus C. Camacho
Reared Mother	+Emilia P. Sablan
Reared Father	+Vicente R. Sablan
Mother In-Law	+Natividad M. Palacios
Son In-Law	+Richard I. Macaranas
Sisters & Brothers In-Law	+Antonina C./+Miguel P. Tenorio
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	+Jesusa S. Camacho
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	+Rita S./+Luis T. Tenorio
	+Rosalia S./+Juan Pangelinan
	+Clark Toy
Brothers & Sisters In-Law	+Vicente S. Camacho
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	+Ignacio S./+Rosa T. Camacho
	+Vicente D./+Michiko H. Sablan
	+Rufina Palacios

Daily mass is being offered at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00am and nightly rosary is being offered at Mount Carmel Church at 7:00pm.

On October 28, 2009 (Wednesday) her remains will be escorted from Borja's Funeral Home to Mount Carmel Cathedral at 7:00am. Viewing and last respect begins at 8:00am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30am followed by the interment services at Chalan Kanoa cemetery.

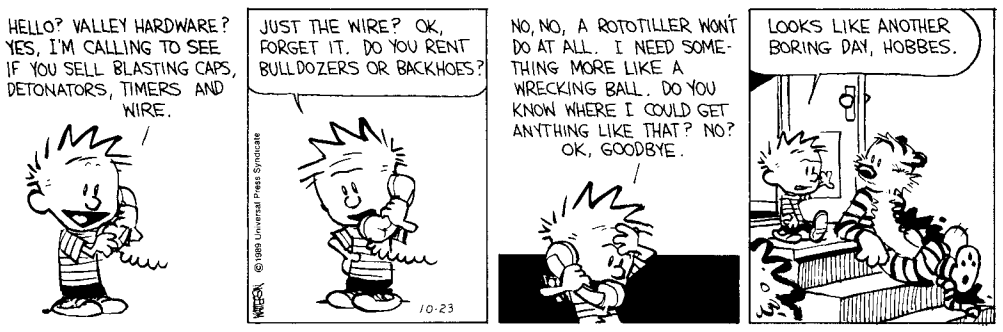
Thank you for your thoughts and prayers and un dangkulo na si Yu'us Ma'ase.

GINEN I FAMAGUON YAN I FAMILIA

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


HELLO? VALLEY HARDWARE? YES, I'M CALLING TO SEE IF YOU SELL BLASTING CAPS, DETONATORS, TIMERS AND WIRE.
JUST THE WIRE? OK, FORGET IT. DO YOU RENT BULLDOZERS OR BACKHOES?
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NO, NO, A ROTOTILLER WON'T DO AT ALL. I NEED SOMETHING MORE LIKE A WRECKING BALL. DO YOU KNOW WHERE I COULD GET ANYTHING LIKE THAT? NO? OK, GOODBYE.
LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER BORING DAY, HOBBES.

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By Jim Davis

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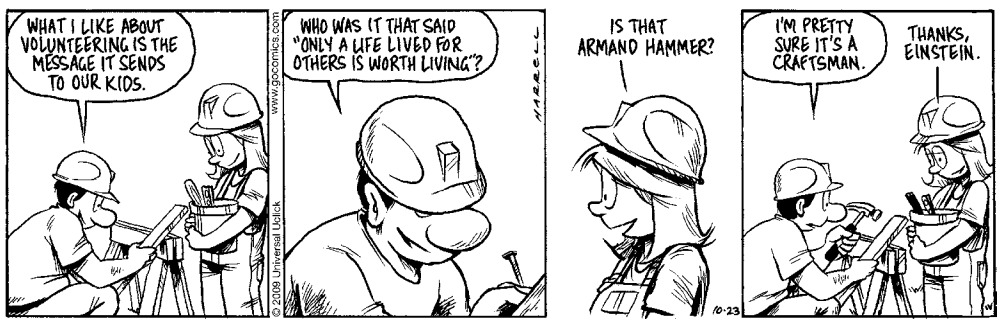
AND HE GOT TO SWING ON THE SWINGS
AND I GOT TO SWING ON THE SWINGS!
JIM DAVIS 10-23

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset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WHO WAS IT THAT SAID "ONLY A LIFE LIVED FOR OTHERS IS WORTH LIVING"?
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IS THAT ARMAND HAMMER?
I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S A CRAFTSMAN.
THANKS, EINSTEIN.
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The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

DO YOU SEE ALL THE FUN COUPLES IN THIS SWANKY NIGHTCLUB, DRINKING AND LAUGHING AND DANCING?!
OKAY, ENOUGH OF THAT. I WANT TO GET BACK AND WATCH THE GAME.
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YOUR DATING PROFILE WAS RIGHT. YOU REALLY DO KNOW HOW TO SHOW A GIRL A GOOD TIME.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Curved line
4 Sheltered
8 Use as an example
12 "Phooey!"
13 Folder's locale
14 Hebrew month
15 Workers' jargon
17 "West Side Story" gang
18 Loading site
19 Friars Club event
20 Shocking weapon
22 False god
24 Responsibility
25 Accelerator
29 Inseparable
30 Suggest as a theory
31 Bat stat
32 Company's promotional souvenir, often
34 Versifier
35 Smacks
36 Profundity
37 Wild
40 High point
41 Racetrack shape
42 Curbside octagon
46 Krupa or Simmons
47 Woody's son
48 One of the brass (Abbr.)
49 Fit of peevishness
50 Beer ingredient
51 Trivia whiz Jennings

DOWN
1 Tummy muscles
2 "Go team!"
3 Chinese entree
4 Following
5 Storyteller
6 Building wing
7 "A mouse!"
8 Wheedle
9 Thought
10 Body artworks, for short
11 Once, old-style
16 Slapstick arsenal
19 Engrossed
20 Snatched
21 Actress Hathaway
22 Foundation
23 A — apple
25 Capricorn
26 Gridiron ploy
27 Help a hood
28 Rock (Suff.)
30 Dr. McGraw
33 Home in the Alps
34 Carrots' mates
36 Station
37 Clouds (up)
38 Squared
39 Hindu princess
40 Survey
42 Muppet eagle
43 La-la lead-in
44 "Gosh!"
45 — compos mentis

Solution time: 25 mins.

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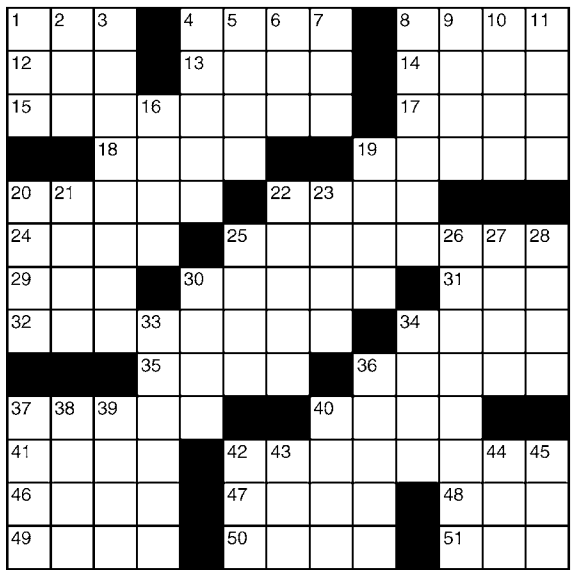

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Sophie Oda, 18; Masiela Lusha, 24; Al Leiter, 44; Weird Al Yankovic, 50

Happy Birthday: Anger and resentment are a waste of time. Instead, concentrate on what you can do to get ahead or complete some of the projects you've started. There is more on the line than you realize and your undivided attention must be given if you want to prosper this year. Your numbers are 10, 18, 20, 24, 36, 38, 44

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Don't let big jobs daunt you. Work at your own speed and do what you can. Romance should play into your plans late in the day. An old friendship can be revitalized if you make the first move. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): You can't go wrong if you follow your own path and not someone else's. Take your time and do things right. Your experience and knowledge will put a professional slant on everything you do. An old love interest will play a role in a decision you make. ✪✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Someone you have worked with or for in the past will recognize your talents and the chance of getting greater opportunities through this channel will develop. Eliminate any minor health issues you are experiencing. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Delve into the secrets that baffle you about someone you are interested in getting to know better. Offer help and suggestions. You will be emotional and able to speak openly. Don't be afraid to make personal or professional changes. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Stick to your budget, no matter how tempted you are to spend more. You can make some great alterations to your living quarters. A problem with truth and promises being honored can be expected. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): It's time to shake things up a bit at home and where your personal desires are concerned. Question anyone who can influence what you do for a living. You may want to pick up some additional skills or broaden your outlook. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You'll face obstacles if you try to use emotional tactics to get your way. Rely on past experience to help you win favors. A change of plans, going in a new direction or making adjustments to a relationship that isn't working should be considered. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You will thrive on change, trying new things and meeting new people. An old friend or lover can alter your life by offering you false hope that can easily lead you astray. Proceed with caution. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Remove yourself from the line of fire. A conference, tradeshow or talking to someone with experience will pay off but don't initiate change until you are satisfied that you will get the results you need to move forward. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): It's OK to be emotional and get things out in the open. In fact, it will do you good and help show your sensitive side. Once you prove your point, you will get all the help you need. A passionate approach will bring results. ✪✪✪

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AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't be fooled into thinking you are being told the truth just because someone says so. Take a closer look before getting involved. Don't let anyone make you feel guilty because you want to back out of something you aren't sure you want to pursue. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Use emotional tactics, if necessary, to get to the bottom of what's really going on in your personal life. Children, friends and even lovers may not be completely honest with you. Dig deep and you'll discover the truth. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are emotional and sensitive. You have an interesting way of expressing your views and are innovative and trendy. You seek high positions aggressively.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	4		2		8		9	
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2				4				9
	8		5	6	9		2	
5				2				1
6				3				2
	2		9		7		4	

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

4	2	3	8	6	1	9	7	5
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8	6	2	5	9	4	7	3	1
7	3	8	9	4	5	2	1	6
2	5	4	1	3	6	8	9	7
6	1	9	7	2	8	4	5	3

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

PULLED-PORK SANDWICHES **Solution: 6 letters**

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening date: September 18, 2009 **Closing date: October 23, 2009**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) announces the following job vacancies:

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1 (one) Staff Engineer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. **MELINDA T. TAKAI,** Defendant.	**Civil Action No. 09-0264** **AMENDED SUMMONS**

TO: THE ABOVE–NAMED DEFENDANT MARVIN A. ADA

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO APPEAR by the 21st day after the fourth date of publication of this AMENDED SUMMONS and defend the above entitled action the CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, at the Office of Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOUR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Ilmwal Aweewe, House of Justice, Susupe Village, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950-0307; and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Bank of Guam, and serve a copy of your answer upon **Robert Tenorio Torres**, attorney for Plaintiff Bank of Guam, at **Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya), P.O. Box 503758, Saipan MP 96950**; and in case of failure to do so judgement will be rendered against you according to the demand of the COMPLAINT, which has been filed with the Clerk of Court.

So **ORDERED** this 5th day of August, 2009

/s/ Berndita A. Sablan
Clerk of Court

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CASIANO B. MATSUNAGA and
ELSIE O. MATSUNAGA

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In The Matter of the Adoption of **N.G.R.M. (dob 05/11/2007) and T.I.M.A. (dob 07/05/2008, Minor Children** **By** **CASIANO B. MATSUNAGA and ELSIE O. MATSUNAGA** **Petitioners.**	FCD-AD CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0519 **NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Notice is hereby given that Casiano B. Matsunaga and Elsie O. Matsunaga filed a verified Petition for the adoption of minor children N.G.R.M (dob 05/11/2007) and T.I.M.A. (dob 07/05/2008) in the Commonwealth Superior Court. The original petition is available for review at the Office of the Clerk of Court at Susupe, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Law Office of Danilo T. Aguilar, P.O. Box 505301, First Floor San Jose Court Bldg., Cor. Ghiyeghi St. & Wischira Way, San Jose Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A hearing on the above-entitled matter will be held on November 12, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in the Superior Court, Susupe Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

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/s/ **MARCIE M. TOMOKANE**
Chairwoman of the Board

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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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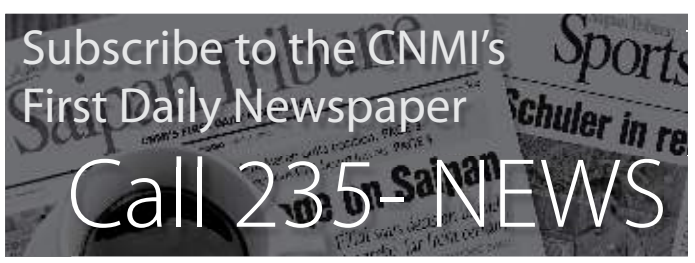

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NOTICE OF PICK-UP SCHEDULE FOR THE TRANSITION CONDITIONAL PERMIT: GROUP I (UMBRELLA PERMIT)

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THERE WILL BE ANOTHER SCHEDULE FOR GROUP II: FOREIGN WORKERS WHOSE PERMITS HAVE EXPIRED OR WHOSE APPLICATIONS ARE IN PROCESS. THAT WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROVISION ARCHITECT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
RFQ10-GOV-006

702 CIP Project Managers

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Office of Capital Improvement (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting Statements of Qualifications from architect and engineers to provide project manager services for designated federally funded projects.

The Commonwealth has identified the need for additional project manager services for the Office of Capital Improvement during the upcoming 2010 calendar year. Project Managers will be required to assist in the implementation of the proposed management plan to develop critical infrastructures that will improve the quality of life for the people of the CNMI. Specific project assignments may include oversight of: project planning; permitting; vendor selection; design; construction; and close-out.

Selected architects and/or engineers ("Project Managers") will be retained as independent contractors under the general supervision of the Contracting Officer or his designee. Project Managers will act as agent of the expenditure authority on assigned capital projects to ensure that identified objectives are achieved within: cost; time; and legal requirements; while maintaining effective stakeholder communications. Selected Project Managers will be retained on a one-year contract with an option to renew for an additional year at discretion of the Commonwealth.

Compensation for project manager services will be determined based on the required project management services for each assigned project. The Commonwealth will negotiate with selected Project Managers to determine the required scope of services for assigned responsibilities. Individuals or firms selected to serve as project managers would be precluded from providing any other services associated with the assigned project.

Interested parties may pick up the applicable scope of work and submittal requirements ("Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements") at the Office of Capital Improvement Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Monday through Friday, except holidays). Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the submittal requirements identified in the Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements. A pre-proposal conference is schedule for this RFQ on October 23, 2009, 10:00 a.m. at the Commonwealth Division of Procurement & Supply, Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950. All submitted documents must follow submittal requirements.

Selection of individuals for the provision of services shall be guided by the Commonwealth Department of Finance Division of Procurement & Supply, Procurement Regulations § 70-30.3-305. Five copies of qualifications should be submitted to the Commonwealth Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 in a sealed envelope marked "Project Manager Qualifications RFQ10-GOV-006." Qualifications must be received prior to noon (Saipan Time) of October 30, 2009 ("Closing Date").

Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated and scored based on the following factors:
1. Past experience as a project manager – 35%
2. References – 30%
3. Interview – 35%

Interviews will be conducted with the individuals who are determined to have the most appropriate qualifications for the needs of the Commonwealth. Architect and engineering firms may submit qualifications, however, they must identify qualifications of specific individuals who are to be considered for the provision of these services and evaluation of qualifications will be based on the experience, references, and interview of the designated individual.

This project is funded through grants from the United States Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs (OIA). Contract award is contingent upon approval from DOI/OIA.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the government. All submitted documents shall become the property of the Commonwealth.

/s/ Benigno R. Fitial, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF

Phillies beat Dodgers 10-4, return to World Series

AP

Philadelphia Phillies players hoist the trophy after winning Game 5 of the National League Championship baseball series 10-4 over the Los Angeles Dodgers to win the National League championship Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Ryan Howard and the defending champs are back in the World Series—proving last year was no fluke and looking even more dangerous this time around.

Jayson Werth homered twice, Shane Victorino and Pedro Feliz also connected and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 10-4 in Game 5 on Wednesday night to win their second straight NL pennant.

Brad Lidge closed it out, Howard was selected NL championship series MVP and the Phillies became the first team to reach consecutive World Series since the New York Yankees in 2000-01.

"I can get used to it," manager Charlie Manuel told a cheering crowd. "We got one more step and we're going to get it!"

Now, Jimmy Rollins and crew wait for their next opponent. They'll go for their third World Series title beginning next Wednesday night at New York or Los Angeles. The Yankees lead the Angels 3-1 in the ALCS, which resumes Thursday night at Angel Stadium.

Meanwhile, slugger Manny Ramirez, manager Joe Torre and the rest of the Dodgers go home after leading the NL with 95 wins in the regular season and sweeping the St. Louis Cardinals in the division series.

"They're confident, they're talented, and they're going where we all want to go right now—the World Series," Torre said, praising the power-hitting Phillies.

With their latest big night at the plate, Philadelphia overcame another shaky outing by 2008 NLCS and World Series MVP Cole Hamels. Los Angeles closed to 9-4 in the eighth, but Ryan Madson escaped a bases-loaded jam by striking out Russell Martin and retiring Casey Blake on a grounder.

After beating Tampa Bay in last year's World Series, the Phillies are trying to become the first repeat champions from the NL since the Cincinnati Reds in 1975-76. The Yankees were the last team to win consecutive titles when they captured three in a row from 1998-2000.

"We got one more step," Howard said. "Then we got action!"

Andre Ethier, James Loney and pinch-hitter Orlando Hudson hit solo homers for the Dodgers, who also lost to the Phillies in five games in last year's NLCS.

The teams combined to tie the record of seven homers in a postseason game. It was the fifth time that's happened.

"They were better than us," Ramirez said. "You saw what they were capable of doing."

Fireworks exploded over Citizens Bank Park after Victorino caught a fly ball for the final out. The NL East champions, who beat Colorado in four games in the opening round, met Lidge in the middle of the diamond to celebrate and began putting on hats with the stitched-in logo of "WS2009."

Team president David Montgomery led the crowd in a chant of "Charlie! Charlie!" during trophy ceremonies on the field. Then, players retreated to the clubhouse to spray champagne and celebrate.

On the 29th anniversary of their first World Series title, the Phillies became the first NL team to win consecutive pennants since the Atlanta Braves did it 13 years ago.

"Big games call for big times," Werth said. "Hopefully, we can keep it going. We've got four more games to win."

Five pitchers tossed 4 2-3 strong innings in relief of an ineffective Hamels, who hasn't been the dominant ace he was last postseason. Chad Durbin earned the win by retiring all four batters he faced, including Ramirez representing the tying run in the fifth.

Lidge, who has bounced back from a rough season with spotless work in the playoffs, tossed a scoreless ninth.

"I always believed it was going to turn around," he said. "One of the biggest things was I was starting to feel really healthy at the end of the season."

Hamels allowed three runs and five hits in 4 1-3 innings. Still, he got a standing ovation on his way to the dugout.

Vicente Padilla, the former Phillie who was excellent in his first two playoff starts, lasted just three-plus innings and gave up six runs.

Once considered the NL's laughingstock, the Phillies have been thinking dynasty since riding down Broad Street on flatbed trucks during the city's first championship parade in 25 years last October.

So what that they're the team of 10,000 losses? The sad-sack losers of the past are a distant memory in Philadelphia.

This will be Philadelphia's seventh trip to the World Series in 127 years. The Phillies beat Kansas City in 1980 and lost in 1915, 1950, 1983 and 1993. The Yankees swept Philadelphia in '50, winning the first three games of that series by one run.

Another sellout crowd implored their team to "Beat LA!" and waved their white-and-red rally towels, rocking Citizens Bank Park on a beautiful, 63-degree night. It was only 48 on Monday night.

Coming off a dramatic comeback win in Game 4, capped by Rollins' two-run double with two outs in the ninth, the Phillies got it going with two outs in the first. Chase Utley walked to reach safely for the 25th straight postseason game, tying Boog Powell's major league record.

Padilla wanted no part of Howard, who hit .333 with two homers and eight RBIs in the series. He walked him on four pitches after firing three inside fastballs, hoping to make the big slugger a little uneasy.

Padilla then threw three straight balls to Werth. The fired-up crowd roared louder with every pitch out of the strike zone.

After taking two strikes, Werth sent a drive to the seats in right-center for a 3-1 lead. Fans gave Werth a curtain call and another standing ovation when he ran out to right field in the top of the second.

Werth's solo shot off Hong-Chih Kuo in the seventh gave him five homers this postseason and made it 9-3.

"A lot of times we win games just because of our power and the fact that we can hit the ball out of the ballpark," Manuel said. "We need to be a little bit more consistent, and I'd say we can be a better hitting team. But right now for the National League, I think we're outstanding."

Ethier put the Dodgers up 1-0 in the first when he connected on a 1-2 fastball down the middle, sending it into the seats in right-center. Loney's shot in the second also came on a 1-2 pitch, cutting the deficit to 3-2.

Victorino hit a two-run shot to left off Game 1 starter Clayton Kershaw for an 8-3 lead in the sixth.

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Winless Titans working on football fundamentals

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The Tennessee Titans have gotten back to basics during their bye week. Coach Jeff Fisher has them working on throwing, catching, blocking, tackling and kicking.

If he's replacing any starters or making drastic overhauls, neither Fisher nor his Titans are telling.

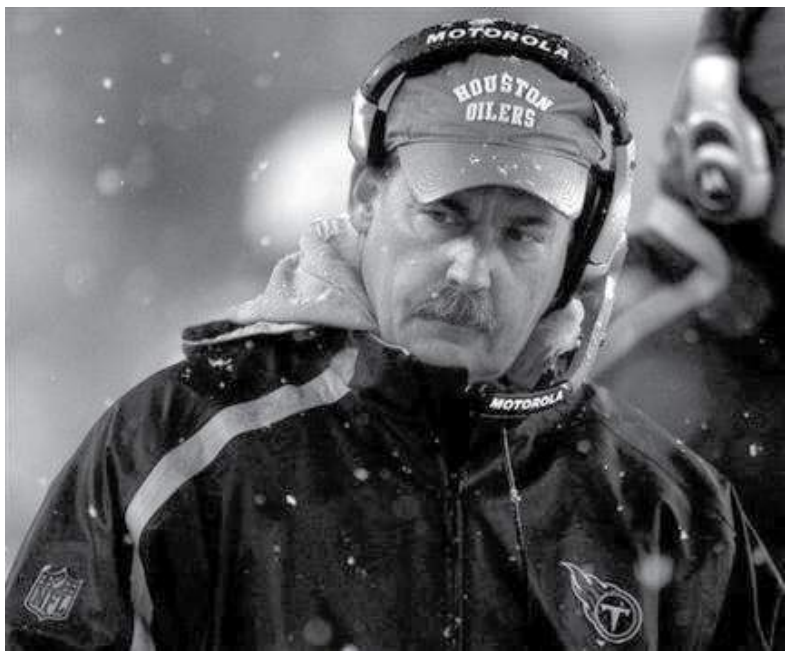
The Titans (0-6) are working behind closed doors during their bye week, and they opened up only the locker room Wednesday. Fisher says to stay tuned to see if he makes any changes. He wants his Titans focused, so he didn't even share what kind of schedule he has for them this week or if they will practice beyond Thursday.

"What this is about is remaining focused and working on our jobs and doing those kinds of things," Fisher said. "We have things competitively, and we are a football team that's winless and is trying to get a win."

The message not to talk or share details has been received in the locker room.

Asked about what they are working on, the Titans used words like fundamentals, basics and fixing mistakes. Tight end Bo Scaife didn't parse phrases himself.

"It's a secret," he said when asked about this week. "Big secret. G-4-5 classified."



AP

Tennessee Titans head coach Jeff Fisher walks along the sidelines in the third quarter of an NFL football game against the New England Patriots in Foxborough, Mass., Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009.

Can't you share a little bit?

"If someone in here finds out I told something, I'm going to get fined or stabbed," Scaife said.

Really, it's no secret what Tennessee is busy repairing out of sight of prying eyes. Just check the stats.

The Titans are last in the NFL in a handful of categories including time of possession (25 minutes, 30 seconds), giveaways (18), points (198), points allowed off turnovers, opponent's time of possession and passing yards allowed.

"The old saying, back to basics," linebacker Keith Bulluck said.

Learning how to catch again is another area to improve. The Titans had 12 drops going into last week's 59-0 rout by New England when they dropped six more passes in the first half. Kerry Collins wants to remain a starter to help the Titans start winning again, but he says he isn't the kind of quarterback to scream at people.

"I have confidence that whatever guys are doing on this thing that need to improve that they're going to do. I believe in every one of them, so I think that we all have room for improvement. That's what we're doing this week," Collins said.

Fullback Ahmard Hall is among those who had trouble holding onto the ball in the snow at New England. He fumbled after picking up a first down, and he said he can't point at one area to blame the 0-6 start on.

"It's just a lot of things that we're doing wrong, and we're just trying to correct them this week," he said.

The Titans wore shorts coming off the field Wednesday. They also worked Tuesday and will practice Thursday. Typically under Fisher, that would be the last session before being given a long weekend off for the bye. Whether Fisher sticks to that or brings his Titans back for more work Friday, the coach isn't saying. He's taking it one day at a time.

"There's a fine line between working harder and pressing and panicking," Fisher said. "You have to deal with the little things and you can't let them get big, and then you've got to minimize the big things."

Swept by swine flu? NFL policy gives teams relief

NEW YORK (AP)—Some swine flu math: A dozen Cleveland Browns missed practice Wednesday with flulike symptoms, which is more than a quarter of the 45-player roster each team is allowed to use for games.

It's not yet known whether these players have the H1N1 virus, but the NFL is already prepared for how quickly that illness can spread. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said teams received a memo from commissioner Roger Goodell on Oct. 2 about the new policy, under which they can receive roster exemptions if enough players contract swine flu.

Other leagues, though, have not instituted similar provisions. The NBA, NHL and Major League Baseball said Wednesday they do not currently have policies to address the possibility of a team being hit hard by swine flu.

If an NFL team has at least six players unable to play because of the illness, it can promote players from the practice squad to replace them. A club can receive a maximum of eight of these roster exemptions.

The Cleveland Cavaliers proved last week just how easily a club's roster can be decimated. Six of the 20 players in training camp missed practices or exhibition games at various times because of flulike symptoms. The Cavs have yet to determine whether the cases were swine flu.

During the regular season, each NBA team is limited to a 15-man roster, which includes injured players. A club must have a minimum of eight active players for a game or forfeit. So it's not unthinkable that a team could fall below eight healthy players if swine flu sweeps through the roster.

NFL spokesman Randall Liu said the league tries to anticipate potential problems.

"This policy, which was discussed with the competition committee, was implemented in the event an outbreak of H1N1 materially affected a club's roster," he said. "As with all issues of player health and safety, medical considerations must and will have priority over competitive concerns."

Major League Soccer already had a policy in place that allowed for roster moves in the case of extreme hardships.

MLB clubs carry 40-man rosters, which includes players on the 15-day disabled list, with only 25 at a time allowed to be active before Sept. 1. So teams could potentially put sick players on the DL and call up replacements.

NHL teams operate with a 23-man roster, but only 20 players dress for games - 18 skaters and two goalies. Clubs are expected to leave some wiggle room under the salary cap should they need to add players throughout the season for whatever reason.

Players on long-term injury lists don't count against the cap, and as of now there are no exemptions in place that would allow teams to put swine-flu sufferers in that category to free up cap space.

Cotto unfazed by heavy underdog tag vs Pacquiao

BOXING

LOS ANGELES—Heavy underdog Miguel Cotto will carry the hopes of his native Puerto Rico on his shoulders in next month's mega fight against Filipino Manny Pacquiao.

Unfazed by the long odds against him, the 27-year-old Cotto will be fighting for his place in boxing history in the 145-pound bout November 14 at the MGM Grand hotel and casino.

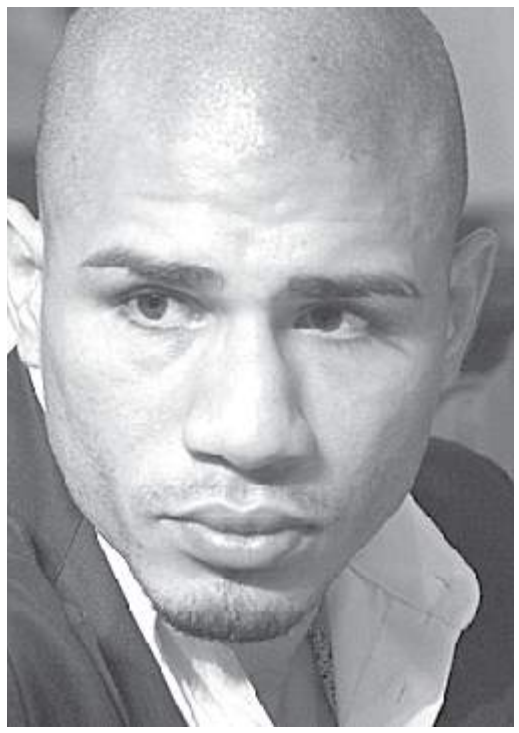
A win over six-time world champion Pacquiao would silence his critics and elevate Cotto to the title of best pound-for-pound fighter in the world, said trainer Joe Santiago.

"When that night comes and he wins, everyone will know that Puerto Rico does have the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world," Santiago said from Cotto's training camp at the Fight Factory Gym in Tampa, Florida.

Cotto doesn't need any more motivation than for people to say he doesn't have what it takes to beat Pacquiao.

"A lot of people are picking Pacquiao to beat him and he is motivated by that," Santiago said. "Miguel has a little extra because the people don't think he can win this fight.

"We know he can and he knows he can but he will have to show everyone what he is capable of doing against this type of opponent. He will come out with a little more fire."



Miguel Cotto, left, will carry the hopes of his native Puerto Rico on his shoulders in next month's mega fight against Filipino Manny Pacquiao at the MGM Grand hotel and casino.

Santiago says Cotto is younger, bigger, stronger and more determined. The pair is fighting at the catch weight of 145 pounds which is WBO welterweight champion Cotto's natural weight.

"Cotto is the first true welterweight that [Pacquiao] will have fought in his career. He is young and still in his prime so that is what Pacquiao is facing," Santiago said.

A classic boxer in the true sense of the word, Cotto is 34-1 with 27 knockouts. He has defeated a host of top fighters including Shane Mosley, Zab Judah and Joshua Clottey. Cotto's only loss came last year to Mexico's Antonio Margarito.

Cotto's camp believes Pacquiao's speed won't be a problem and that the Filipino is a perfect fit for three-time world champion Cotto.

"Miguel brings a lot of things that Pacquiao doesn't have," said strength trainer Phil Landman. "And we are working on improving those areas."

"I think that Miguel has shown everybody that he can deal with speed. I think with the type of rhythm that Manny brings to the fight that people don't think Miguel can stay with that speed," Santiago said.

"I not only think he can stay with the rhythm but I think he will enjoy fighting that kind of fight. It will be an interesting fight and Miguel will come out victorious by just doing what he always does, coming forward, throwing punches and being strong."

In his last fight, Cotto gutted out a split decision victory over Clottey in June. He suffered a nasty gash over his left eye from a head butt in the third round which had to be fixed by a plastic surgeon.

"It came out very nice, I have not seen anything wrong with his cut. I don't think it will be an issue in the fight," Santiago said.

Pacquiao has been training in Manila but has also been dealing with deadly typhoons and flooding that has ravaged his country in recent weeks. He is expected to arrive in the United States this weekend.

The undercard will feature a World Boxing Association super welterweight fight between champion Daniel Santos and American challenger Yuri Foreman.

Santiago said with Santos and Cotto on the same card it would be a double pleasure for Puerto Rican boxing fans.

"On the 13th we will be at 145 pounds no question. On the 14th it is going to be a great night. And on the 15th we are going to celebrate with the country of Puerto Rico," he said. ***(AFP)***

DFS Durables Halloween Fun Run on Nov. 4

DFS Durables Club of Saipan will hold its DFS Durables Halloween Fun Run on Nov. 4.

The course of the run is from DFS straight north into American Memorial Park (you have to pass the flags), down to the Puerto Rico dump (and a water station) and then turn around, back on the pathway through Smiling Cove and on the pathway to Micro Beach (turn right by the flags), then out to Micro Beach Road to Beach Road and back to DFS. Registration begins at 5:30pm and the Fun Run begins at 6pm. Participants are asked to bring flashlights for safety purposes.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Customer Information Counter at DFS Galleria from 10:30am to 9pm, Monday through Sunday.

The registration fee is $10 and those who want to get a cool T-shirt must register early.

Costumes are welcome and kids from as young as 2 years old and as old as 102 are welcome.

"Bring out the entire family and enjoy the full moon," said organizer Wolf Mojica.

For more information, contact Mojica at 236-2540. ***(PR)***

JOSHUA

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Well, I would like to test those words out and see for myself," said Manglona, who left Saipan yesterday for Maui, joining fellow triathletes Mieko and Kevin Carey.

According to the XTERRA website, the bike course is not open to the public and cannot be pre-ridden by competitors. First-timers like Manglona need to read a lot for directions, while returnees could only remember some old route, but will still feel lost most of the time. Bikers are often seen shaking their heads as they negotiate the up and down slopes of Haleakala. They also climb from sea level to 1,200 feet then down and back up to 1,400 feet with a final portion called "the plunge," an 8-kilometer nerve wracking ride back to sea level.

The run leg also has a lot of climbing involved and one of the course's interesting features is the "Makena Beach Mile," which is a grueling slog along soft sand, but a beautiful end run along the oceanfront golf course.

All these features make Manglona more excited than nervous in his first race in XTERRA World.

"I'm too excited to be nervous because it's a new challenge, a new environment, new people. It's XTERRA World Championship in Maui," said Manglona, who is still fresh from competing in the 2009 Pacific Mini Games in Rarotonga, Cook Islands.

Manglona returned to Saipan from the Cook Islands early this month and quickly resumed training for XTERRA World.

"My physical and mental conditioning is great. Rarotonga's bike and run courses are very different than the off-road courses in Maui. I trained with that in mind," the 21-year-old triathlete said.

Meanwhile, Manglona thanked his sponsors and supporters for making his Maui trip possible.

"I'd like to thank my sponsors, IT&E, especially Kathryn Barry and Brad Ruszala, Brabu Pharmacy, especially Ted and Kathryn, Romie of Bike Pro Shop. I also want to thank Tinian Mayor Jose P. San Nicolas and the people of Tinian for making it all happen for this local boy," Manglona said.

"Of course, I'd like to thank my family, mom and dad, Jon, Rit, James Jr., Timika, the Northern Mariana Islands Triathlon Federation headed by Russ Quinn, Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association and its president Michael White, Taga Inc. president Wolf Mojica, and the Tinian Amateur Sports Association. Thank you everyone for your support. While I'm there you are all going to be in my heart. I'll remember all your support and your faith in me every step of the way," he added.

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teams. Palau always has a team to reckon with and Hong Kong and Japan can't be counted out. Having said that, I expect the Saipan men's team to place in the Top 3 in all three events and be in contention for the overall title," said Richard Sikkel, one of the organizers of the 11th edition of the Micronesian Cup.

"In the women's division, Animun Tasi did really well last year and I expect them to be a strong team again. However, I learned that Poksai from Guam is bringing in their trusted steerswomen from Hawaii and this should make races in the women's division interesting. The Saipan Fatuul women will be the wildcard in these races. The mixed division is an open race," Sikkel added.

The weekend event will start with the blessing of canoes at 8:45am, while races for tomorrow will begin at 9:30am and end at 4pm.

The first day of the Micro Cup will have competitions in the 1,500m and 500m sprints in the men's, women's and mixed divisions. On Sunday, there will be three 12-mile races, beginning at 7:30am.

Awards ceremony will be held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa at 7pm with the Top 3 placers in all divisions taking home traditional Micronesian bailer trophies. Overall winners in the men's and women's divisions will also get round-trip tickets (from Continental Airlines) to next year's Micro Cup, which Palau will be hosting.

The complete list of teams participating in this weekend's races are as follows: (men's division) Saipan OCC, Team Waterfall, Napun Haya, Tao Tao Galaide, Fatuul, Lantau, Bihun Tasi, Homegrown, Guatdan Tasi, Animun Tasi Fote, and Animun Tasi Metgot; (women's division) Animun Tasi Fote, Poksai, Mas Poksai, Fatuul, Animun Tasi Metgot, and Tao Tao Galaide.

Six teams from the above list will join the mixed division contest and battle Japan's Ohana Hoe and Palau's Taki.

HYATT

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CHC played with only five players and almost forfeited the game, as only four were on the court when the buzzer sounded, signaling the start of the game. A 15-minute forfeit time saved CHC from giving up the game early. After three minutes, Ben Lisua came to complete the five-man crew.

However, even Lisua's presence and Edgar Pangelinan's outside sniping could not prevent Hyatt from nailing a 59-point winning margin.

A string of easy baskets from Sablan and Delos Reyes gave Hyatt a 28-15 lead in the first quarter. Sablan and Delos Reyes fired eight points apiece in the first 10 minutes of the game.

In the second half, Nate Mateo helped Delos Reyes and Sablan pad the lead, as Hyatt took a 58-36 halftime advantage. Mateo scored Hyatt's last eight points in the second canto.

The third quarter was Sablan's show, as he exploded for 15 points to break the game wide open, 88-51. In the fourth period, guards Mateo and Aquino alternately toyed around with the slow defense of CHC with their fastbreak layups to complete Hyatt's long-game dominance.

Pangelinan led Hyatt's losing cause, recording 26 points, while Lisua added 20.

Hyatt 128 – Sablan 37, Aquino 26, Mateo 25, Delos Reyes 20, Libuw 10, Gabaldon 6, Tudela 4.

CHC 69 – Pangelinan 26, Lisua 20, Kwon 10, Diaz 9, Duenas 4.

Scoring by quarters: 28-15, 58-36, 88-51, 128-69.

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favorite cricket commercial advertises "it's the cracker at the whacker".

Tiger Woods is coming to Australia for the first time in over 10 years for the Australian Masters. He's getting paid $3 million to just appear. Don't bother coming down: it's sold out.

I thought I knew the English language fairly well but am learning new words: boardies (surfboard shorts), brekkie (breakfast), truckie (truck driver), sickies (people who call in sick from work), pokies (poker machines), foodies (food connoisseurs), and nappies (big sign in front of Cairns public pool, "no nappies".

Have not seen a toothpick since arriving in Australia. Next time I will bring my own. I assume food never sticks to Australian's teeth. Or if it does, they don't care.

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Miller Lite Men's League to uncork in Dec.

The United Basketball Association, with the help of NTT Docomo Pacific and Pacific Trading Co., will kick off the Inaugural UBA Miller Lite Men's Basketball League on Dec. 7.

UBA president James Lee said the competition will have 12 slots available in a first-come, first-serve basis with the champion team taking home $1,000 courtesy of title sponsor PTC.

The league is open to players 21 years old and above and the entry fee is $450, which is inclusive of jerseys for the 12 players each team is allowed to have in their rosters.

The league will be played at the Garapan Basketball Court with the Top 8 teams after the round-robin eliminations advancing to the playoffs. The championship will then be a best-of-three affair.

Aside from the $1,000 top prize, the champion team will also take home a handsomely crafted championship trophy, Docomo Pacific long distance phone cards, cases of drinks from PTC, and free entrance to next season's Miller Lite Men's League.

Final and regular season MVPs, meanwhile, will win trophies, Docomo Pacific long distance phone cards, Docomo Pacific cellphones, and other prizes.

Lee added that all participating players, coaches, and managers of the league will get a one week free trial at Gold's Gym and free health screening at Mariano Chiropractice Clinic. Everyone will also get free entrance and drinks, courtesy of PTC, at the championship party that will be held at the Club V of Saipan Grand Hotel.

While PTC and Docomo Pacific are the main sponsors, other companies that are making the league possible are Monsters, Pepsi, Gold's Gym, Mariano Chiropractic Clinic, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Power 99 FM, ABC 7, and Saipan Grand Hotel.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Choke Chain's Mel Manibusan challenges the defense of Bonbon Whalers' Chris Paul during a UBA-organized tournament last August at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Deadline for the submission of entrance fee (at least 50 percent) and rosters are on Nov. 16. Lee has also scheduled an organizational meeting on Thursday, Oct. 29, 6pm-8pm at the Garapan Basketball Court.

For more information about the Inaugural UBA Miller Lite Men's Basketball League, call Lee at 989-8221. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Sande Mayors Bull Dozers lead inter-govt dart league

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Sande Mayors Bull Dozers is enjoying the top view in the 2009 Inaugural Bud Light Lime Inter-Government Dart League.

The Steve Mettao-led Bull Dozers hold a 31-14 record and have a 68.89 winning percentage to lead the team standings in the 11-squad field.

Joining Mettao on the team are Melvin Camacho, Derol Tudela, Nick Tenorio, Joe Norita, Joe Tudela, and Roman Torres.

In second place are the Bud's Bar DPS Enforcers, who in 30 games have a 19-11 mark for a 63.33 winning percentage. Third placers DCCA Dart Vaders' winning percentage is also more than 50 percent, as their 18-12 record gave them 60 percent.

The DPS Enforcers are composed of Vince Mareham, Bernard Santos, Ferdy Ngirmekur, Carl Hocog, Joe Muna, and Ned Norita, while playing for Dart Vaders are Resel Billy, Jonathan Tenorio, Ben Tagabuel, Bill Limes, and Julian Camacho.

Completing the Top 5 are Flair Customs Status Quo (35-25) and DPW Trouble Shooters (25-20). Flair Customs Status Quo has a 58.33 winning percentage, while DPW Trouble Shooters have 55.56 percent.

Other teams entered in the league and their corresponding standings in parentheses are Bud's Bar CUC Team (32-28), Remington CRMO Spartans (21-24), D'Pirates NMC Proa (19-26), Wild Bill's PSS Assasins (19-26), The Flair PSS Haas Mode (20-40), and Hopwood PSS All In (13-32).

In the individual standings, Leo Lindo of D'Pirates NMC Proa leads the league with a 55.18 weighted average, followed by Dart Vaders' Julian Camacho (53.50), Bud's Bar CUC Team's Joy Silva (53.20), Bud's Bar's Mareham (51.47), and Sande Mayors' Bull Dozers' Mettao (51.47) and Melvin Camacho (50.35).

Making it to the Top 10 are DPS Enforcers' Bernardo Santos (49.50), Remington's Jayson John (40.04), DPW's Jack Guerrero (49.01), CUC's Leo Cabrera (47.39), and Customs' Marvin Pangelinan (47.30).

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Members of Bud's Bar CUC Team pose for a group before their game in the 2009 Inaugural Bud Light Lime Inter-Government Dart League.

Shark Attack grabs top spot in 8-ball league

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The Obyan division of the 2009 SBA Budweiser Open 8-Ball League has a new leader in Wild Bill's Shark Attack following Tuesday games at the various bars and watering holes on Saipan.

A 6-1 win against VFW Sentinel in Week 10 of the league improved Shark Attack's record to 33-37, one win ahead of Week 9 co-leaders USSP Watever and USSP Fotten Palau.

Shark Attack's members are Patrick Taitano, Ben Norita, Bill Limes, Bernard Kileleman, Dan Eugenio, Nong Detdon, and Mike Katsuke.

USSP Watever and USSP Fotten Palau remain tied following their similar 4-3 wins over D'Pirates 8 Ballers and D'Pirates Huwa, respectively and dropped to second place with their identical 32-38 marks.

In fourth place are D'Pirates Ballers with their 44-70 slate, while VFW Sentinel is still at the bottom of the team standings in the Obyan division with its dismal 14-56 record.

In the Agingan division, NTT Docomo Hustlers kept their distance against Jonny's IT&E Voyagers, following the former's 6-1 triumph over Jonny's Home Boys.

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Members of Wild Bill's Shark Attack pose for a group before their game against VFW Sentinel in the 2009 SBA Budweiser Open 8-Ball League.

Playing for the Hustlers are Jerry Soriano, Senen Pangelinan, Erwin Gomez, Robert Sanciangco, Joey Lucido, and Rowel Mariano.

The Hustlers improved to a 55-15 slate, two games up against the Voyagers, who hold a 53-17 mark after a similar 6-1 victory over the Perfect Spotters. The Perfect Spotters remained at the bottom of the team standings with their 31-39

Reclaiming the No. 3 spot in the Agingan division was D'Pirates Huwa, despite losing to USSP Fotten Palau. Week 9 third placer D'Pirates 8 Ballers returned to fourth place after winning only one game against USSP Watever.

Week 10 action saw five run-the-rack from Soriano and two from Nolan Cultura. Patrick Taitano and R.J. Mascarinas made two each, while Ben Norita, John Mongami, Roman Rodriguez, Nolas Kalinga, Eric Caisip, Juancho Mendoza, Chester Hamoy, Patrick Cepeda, Mariano, and Gomez drilled one apiece.

Mongami also hit three 8-ball on the breaks, while Marlito Baisaule, Jojo Talibong, and Hamoy tallied one each.

Art Deleon Guerrero clinches October Ace

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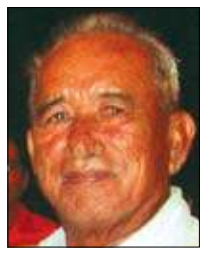
Art Deleon Guerrero secured the SGA October Ace, following a runner-up finish in the Saipan Golfers Association's monthly tournament on Sunday at Marianas Country Club.



Deleon Guerrero

Deleon Guerrero shot a net 73, one stroke behind tournament winner Vince Rosario. Rosario had to relinquish the October Ace plum to Deleon Guerrero despite topping the weekend tournament, as the former had already taken the September Ace title. SGA rules bar members to win more than one monthly award.

The 19-handicapper Deleon Guerrero fired a 45 on the front nine and 47 on the back for a gross 92 and highlighted his game in the Marpi course with a birdie on the par-5 No. 4 hole.

Rosario, a 27-handicapper, fired a 52 and 47 on the front and back nines, for a 99 gross. Completing the Top 3 was Mariano Fajardo, who carded a net 75. The 24-handicapper Mariano nailed a 50 on the front nine and 49 on the back for a gross 99 and beat former Superior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan on the scorecard tiebreak.

Manibusan, who tallied the best gross score of the day with his 5-over par 77, also recorded a net 75 after deducting his 2 handicap, but loss in the tiebreak in the first three holes. Manibusan had a double-bogey on hole No.1 against Fajardo's par. Both golfers saved par on No. 2 and Fajardo sealed third place on hole No. 3 after making another par against Manibusan's double-bogey.

After losing in the battle for third place, Manibusan redeemed himself in other contests. He made the most birdies in the tournament with three (holes No. 4, No. 6, and No.15) and had a closest to the pin shot on the par-3 No. 6.

Other closest to the pin winners were Joe Deleon Guerrero on the par-3 No. 8 and Peter Rojas on the par-3 No. 12. In the longest drive, John Babauta won on the par-4 No. 1, while Rosario prevailed on the par-4 No. 11. Babauta also had one birdie, duplicating Art Deleon Guerrero and Ray San Nicolas' feats.

The October Ace tournament drew 15 other SGA members. They were San Nicolas (net 76), Joe Deleon Guerrero (76), Tony Deleon Guerrero (77), Frances Sablan (81), Rojas (81), Joe Rosario (83), John Babauta (83), Jose I. Sablan (83), Larry I. Deleon Guerrero (83), Martin Sablan (83), Edward Sablan (84), Vicente Aldan (85), Jung Teack (87), and Norbert Sablan (88).

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Phillies beat Dodgers 10-4, return to World Series

Ryan Howard and the defending champs are back in the World Series—proving last year was no fluke and looking even more dangerous this time around. 40

Joshua to challenge XTERRA World course

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Tinian triathlete Joshua Manglona will be on a mission, as he debuts in the 2009 XTERRA World Championships in Makena, Maui, Hawaii this Sunday.

"I don't have a target time in XTERRA World, but my mission is to challenge the course and finish the race," Manglona said.

This Sunday's premier off-road triathlon race features a combination of 1.5-kilometer swim that starts in front of the Makena Beach & Golf Resort, a 32-kilometer mountain bike that climbs 3,000 feet up and down the lower slopes of Haleakala, and a 12-kilometer trail run that passes through lava rock, forest trails, and beach sand.

"I heard that the bike and run courses are brutal. I heard that the bike course is better this year than ever and the run has a lot hills and we run on the sand.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Taga Inc. president Wolf Mojica, right, present's Josh Manglona of Tinian a check, hat, and T-shirt for his trip to the 2009 XTERRA World Championship in Maui this weekend.

Hyatt crushes shorthanded CHC

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Hyatt Regency Saipan recorded its biggest winning margin so far in the IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League after thrashing Commonwealth Health Center in a make-up game, 128-69, on Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The victory kept Hyatt's pennant bid alive, as it nailed its seventh win in eight games. Hyatt has three more games left and a sweep will give the team a 10-1 record, tying the league-leading IT&E. Hyatt will win the tiebreak, as it defeated IT&E in their lone meeting in the regular season, 112-100.

CHC dropped to a 3-5 mark, absorbing its third loss in a row.

Hyatt almost doubled CHC's total output after drawing at least 20 points from four players. Dave Sablan was all over the court, feasting on CHC's defense or the lack of it and drilling a game-high 37 points. Bernard Aquino chipped in 26, Nate Mateo drilled 25, and Ronald Delos Reyes tallied 20 markers.

The Ray Lizama-coached Hyatt had three other players available for the game and all made it to the scoreboard.

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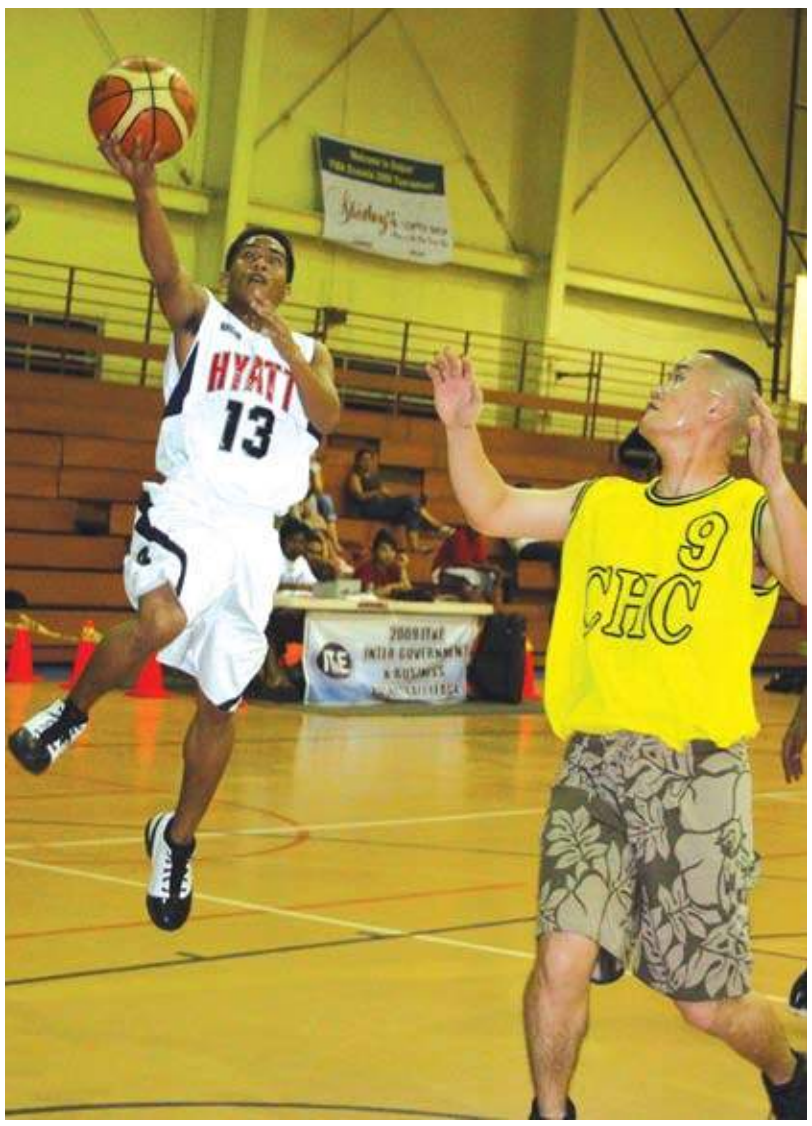

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Hyatt Regency Saipan' Nate Mateo, left, goes for a fastbreak layup against Commonwealth Health Center's Norris Kwon during their game in the inter-government/business caging on Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Open race for championship seen in 2009 Micro Cup

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Outrigger canoe action will take place this weekend in the waters off the Fiesta Resorts & Spa Saipan with the staging of the 2009 Micronesian Cup.

The two-day races will feature 26 teams from Palau, Guam, CNMI, Japan, and Hong Kong, and with the absence of men's defending champion Hong Kong IPC, organizers expect an open race for the championship and a Top 3 finish for Saipan's men's team.

"Last years' overall men's division winner Hong Kong IPC will not be here this year, so it is up in the air who will be walking away with the overall title this year. Haggan, Guam's National Team is fielding a strong team again this year, as well as other Guam

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Organizers of the 2009 Micronesian Cup and staff of event supporter Pacific Trading, Co. pose for a group photo at the PTC office in Puerto Rico. From left, Thelma Lysak, Gil Birnbrich, Kaye Christian, Donna del Rosario, Mike Babauta, Ray Borja, and Glen Hunter.

Down Under here

G'day, mates. Cheers. No worries. I'm writing this column while on holiday in Sydney, Australia. Sydney asked me to tell you all, hi!

First, I would like to thank Sir Tim Berners-Lee for inventing the Internet and whoever the genius was that invented the ATM. Those two items have simplified travel into child's play, adults play actually.

Neither the NFL nor the MLB playoffs get much attention here. The *Sydney Herald* only reported the scores. Surfing gets more coverage than USA's two most popular sport. Horse racing is even more popular. I now understand why PIC general manager Kieran Daly makes a big deal about the Melbourne Cup which is coming up Nov. 3 and already getting much publicity with billboards and such.

Getting their priorities straight: In the edition of the *Cairns Post* that I bought, 11 pages were devoted to news and 12 pages to sports, five of them to horse racing.

Triathlon is also a popular sport with lots of press coverage. The weekend we were in Cairns, a top female triathlete was struck by a car and seriously injured. A story in today's newspaper is about another triathlete who is making a remarkable recovery after almost being killed by a vehicle.

Cricket is huge here, even if every game I've seen on television has most of the fans coming disguised as empty seats. When we stayed in Brisbane at the home of 2001 NMASA Female Athlete of the Year Kathryn Sinclair, she took us to her sons' school which does not have a baseball or softball field but did have a cricket pitch. My

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OFF THE BENCH

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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